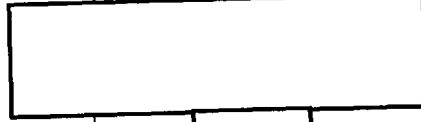


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TO : SAC, Miami

DATE: June 1, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (109-584)

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SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
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Miami will endeavor to identify [REDACTED] and b7C  
determine the extent of his activities in anti-Fidel  
Castro movement. (DERIVATIVE)

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TO : SAC, Miami (105-1747)

DATE: June 16, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (109-12-210)

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IS - CUBA

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Reurirtel 6-2-59. Unless some reason exists  
to the contrary, you should interview [redacted]  
On the basis of information furnished, no identifiable  
information concerning [redacted] was located in Bureau files.

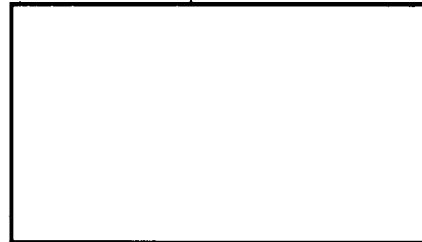
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Miami

DATE: June 16, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (109-584)

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Miami will note that the Miami leader of the opponents of the Castro regime is said to be [REDACTED] and that an important civilian figure in Miami is one [REDACTED] may be identical with the [REDACTED] mentioned in your teletype of 6-10-59 captioned "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities." You should institute a separate investigation on [REDACTED] to determine his background, contacts and activities.

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In view of the fact that [REDACTED] is furnishing your office with considerable information concerning anti-Fidel Castro activities, you should not overlook the fact that he is himself active in these activities and may not be furnishing your office with all information in his possession. You are requested to advise under the [REDACTED] caption the extent of his involvement in anti-Fidel Castro activities and whether he is considered a leader of the [REDACTED] group as indicated in the attached airgram.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-75511)  
(109-584)

6/13/59

SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-5332)  
(105-6516)

CUBAN RETALIATION AGAINST BATISTA  
ADHERENTS IN THE U. S.  
IS - CUBA  
(Bufile 105-75511)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA  
(Bufile 109-584)  
OO: Miami

ReNYlet to Bureau 5/22/59.

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The situation remains unchanged in the Los Angeles area. [redacted] in Los Angeles, who caused a shooting disturbance at the residence-office of MANUEL VELASQUEZ, Cuban Consul in Monterey Park, California on 1/1/59, has been replaced by one [redacted] according to information furnished by HIBBARD LAMKIN, SAC, State Department, Security Office, Los Angeles, on 4/27/59. MANUEL VELASQUEZ, himself, is recently deceased.

[redacted] Supervisor, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, and other local sources, are unaware of any BATISTA followers in this area.

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Via AIR-TEL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YCRK (105-35253)  
TITLE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS-CUBA

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Re NY tel dated 6/17/59 captioned "FULGENCIA BATISTA  
Y ZALDIVAR;FPM - CUBA;" "CUBAN RETALIATION AGAINST BATISTA  
ADHERENTS IN THE U.S.;IS-CUBA."

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is detailed to  
Mrs. MARTA BATISTA. advised on 6/19/59 that around 10 p.m.  
on 6/18/59, [REDACTED] from Washington, D.C., who  
identified himself as a registered agent for FULGENCIA BATISTA,

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5-Bureau (109-584) (RM)  
(1-105-75511)  
(1- 61-9743)

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2-Jacksonville  
(1- Anti-Fidel Castro Activities)  
(1-Cuban Retaliation Against Batista Adherents in U.S.)

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telephonically contacted the BATISTA apartment and asked for a man by the name of [redacted] stated that [redacted] stated that he was also associated with Colonel E.A. ROBERTS, U.S. Army retired, who is also from Washington, D.C., and in some way connected with BATISTA. b7C

[redacted] advised that with Mrs. BATISTA on the evening of 6/18/59 were [redacted] (ph), who appeared to be very close to Mrs. BATISTA. [redacted] stated that [redacted] were residing in Room 13D at the Waldorf-Astoria. b7C

[redacted] also advised that one [redacted] (ph) from Miami, Florida, contacted the BATISTA suite and desired to speak to Mrs. BATISTA, but Mrs. BATISTA declined to talk to [redacted] stated that [redacted] gave his Miami telephone number as [redacted] b7C

[redacted] stated that he had been with Mrs. BATISTA all day on 6/18/59 and spent four hours with her at a beauty parlor during which he engaged her in conversation about her husband and his entry into the U.S. [redacted] stated Mrs. BATISTA stated that she had expected her husband to be in the U.S. by this time but now believes that it will be very shortly that he will be allowed to enter the U.S. and hoped that he would be here in order to see their sons before they went off to school. [redacted] stated that Mrs. BATISTA related that she was momentarily expecting the arrival of her brother, former [redacted] b7C

[redacted] Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, advised that one [redacted] had resided in Room 13D at the Waldorf. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and ARDURA checked out of the Waldorf at 8 a.m. on 6/19/59. b7C

[redacted] on 6/19/59, advised that a former employee of his office by the name of [redacted] (LNU) had told him this date that [redacted] was in NYC and staying at the Waldorf-Astoria and had checked out of the Waldorf this date. (S)(u) b7C

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that [redacted] former Police official in Havana, now residing in the Bronx, New York, had called [redacted] and wanted him to take [redacted] to see [redacted] at the Waldorf, which [redacted] did.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that there was a meeting at the Waldorf in Room 13 D between [redacted]

[redacted] residence, [redacted] a former member of the Bureau of Investigation, Havana, [redacted] who is [redacted] for the Spanish newspaper "El Diario de Nueva York." (S)(u)

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[redacted] advised that on 6/18/59 he had gone to the office of GEORGE LEVINE (ph) at 40 Exchange Place, NYC, telephone No. DI 4-8276. [redacted] stated that LEVINE runs an investment firm at this address but formerly owned a race track in Havana, Cuba, and was partners in the race track with Brig. General ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA, brother of Mrs. BATISTA. (S)(u)

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[redacted] stated also that he was familiar with ALBERTO ARDURA, who resides at 225 Ocean View Boulevard, Olmont Beach, Florida. HERNANDEZ stated that ARDURA is very close to Mrs. BATISTA and her brother, General ROBERTO FERNANDEZ MIRANDA. (S)(u)

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[redacted] on 6/19/59 advised that one [redacted] (LNU) contacted [redacted] who is employed at the Cuban Consulate, 625 Madison Avenue, NYC. [redacted] told [redacted] that she had heard that BATISTA has received permission to reside in the U.S. and stated that she was very happy because it would be easier to catch BATISTA. (S)(u)(c)

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##### Washington Field

Washington Field is requested to attempt to identify EDWARD HART of Washington, D.C., who may be identical with individual who was born 11/17/03 and who resided at 2531 Q Street, Washington, D.C.

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Washington Field is also requested to contact the Foreign Agents Registration Section and determine whether or not HART is registered as a foreign agent.

Washington Field should also endeavor to identify Col. ROBERTS, who is alleged to be an associate of HART.

Above submitted for the information of the Bureau, Jacksonville and Miami.

Miami, Florida  
June 22, 1959

MEMO, SAC (105-1742)

RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

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Cn 6/9/59, [redacted]  
[redacted] came to the Miami  
Office, where he was interviewed by SAs [redacted]  
and [redacted]

[redacted] exhibited a letter addressed  
to him from [redacted] dated 6/3/59, Cidua, Tru-  
illo, Dominican Republic. This letter disclosed that  
[redacted] was in almost daily contact with one [redacted] who  
identified as being [redacted] According to  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]  
has been a friend of [redacted] for about 20 years and is  
[redacted] personal contact man in Miami. He said that  
[redacted] values people for [redacted] and that if anyone  
wants to contact [redacted] in the Dominican Republic, he  
must first contact [redacted] for appropriate arrangements,  
and approval. [redacted] said that [redacted] is key man in  
Miami, for the Anti-Castro movement, which is spearheaded  
by [redacted], with headquarters in the Dominican Republic.

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The letter from [redacted] also dis-  
closed that [redacted] had shown a letter from [redacted] to  
General TRUJILLO, who is the Dictator in the Dominican  
Republic.

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A Photostat and translation of the above  
described letter, addressed to [redacted]  
is being attached to the original copy of this memo. b7C

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- 1 - (105-1742) (Anti-Fidel Castro Activities)
  - 1 - [redacted]
  - 1 - [redacted]
  - 1 - [redacted]
  - 1 - (105-1084) (Dominican Activity)
  - 1 - (105-1769) ("TRIBUNA")
  - 1 - [redacted]

- 1 - [redacted]
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- 1 - [redacted]

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[ ] stated that [ ] left Miami six days previously for Ciudad, Trujillo and expected to return to Miami via New York City, in view of previous difficulties he has had with INS at the port of Miami.

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[ ] said that [ ] one of the richest men in Cuba, is now behind the Anti-Fidel Castro movement. [ ] is apparently in Cuba.

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[ ] said that confidential messages are sent daily between the Anti-Castro representatives in Miami and those in the Dominican Republic by means of personal carriers, who are members of the Dominican Intelligence Service.

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[ ] said that [ ] has now been discredited and is in disfavor with the other anti-Castro groups in Miami. [ ] explained that [ ] had recently received money from [ ] for the purpose of purchasing an airplane. This plane was purchased by [ ] on behalf of the Anti-Castro movement. After the plane was obtained, [ ] propositioned [ ] to sell the plane so they could pocket the proceeds. [ ] said that [ ] has collected more than \$200,00.00 for the anti-Castro movement, but has used only about \$40,000.00 of this money for propaganda, purchase of small arms, and other anti-Castro activities and has apparently pocketed the balance. [ ] said the current issue of "TRIBUNA" carried a notice to the effect that [ ] was hence forth have nothing further to do with that publication.

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[ ] said that the Dominican Consul General in Miami and [ ] have maintained the expenses of "TRIBUNA". [ ] prepared a diagram showing the following organizational set up of the anti-FIDEL CASTRO movement.

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(General JOSE PEDRAZA, with headquarters in the Dominican Republic, is the acknowledged leader. The movement has groups in Guadamala, Haiti, Mexico, Miami, and New York City, who are responsible to PEDRAZA. In the Miami area, there are the following factions:

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1. Faction lead by [redacted] who resides at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where there are a group of men presently in training.
2. Faction lead by [redacted] and [redacted]
3. Faction lead by [redacted] This group is composed of politicians, primarily.
4. Faction lead by [redacted] said that [redacted] and the Dominican Consul General are each in direct contact with PEDRAZA. Also [redacted] is in direct contact with the Dominican Consul General in Miami, and also with [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that on the previous Saturday, he had gone to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he had visited at the home of [redacted]

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[redacted] While there he learned that there are from 40 to 50 athletic young men, former officers in the Cuban Army and Navy, who are being trained daily in the Fort Lauderdale area. In connection with this training, they utilize a yacht, flying the Panamanian flag, which is docked on a canal at the home of [redacted] These men are being given physical training, training in underwater swimming, and training in sabotage. They do not use explosives. There are two American instructors. The other individuals involved are all Cuban. These men, eight or ten in number, go out each

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day on the boat for this training. About once a week, the entire group goes out. They meet [redacted] [redacted] was told by a [redacted] who was at the home of [redacted] that this group would soon be leaving for Cuba. It was their intention not to leave in small groups of two and three individuals at a time, by undisclosed means of transportation for Cuba. These men plan to destroy Cuban ships in the bay at Havana, and to destroy the underground tunnel which goes under Havana Harbor. Explosives will be used in this demolition plan. [redacted] said this is a very secret matter. [redacted] is of the opinion [redacted] is furnishing the money for this operation.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] a very wealthy Cuban who has expensive real estate holdings [redacted] left Miami four days previously via Haiti for the Dominican Republic. [redacted] said that [redacted] is a very close friend of ARTHUR VINING DAVIS, multi-millionaire, Miami financier, age 93. [redacted] said that [redacted] arrived in Miami and stayed at the Tower Hotel about 10 days ago, and while in Miami, he called a group of friends and told them he desired to make a contribution to the revolutionary cause against FIDEL CASTRO. [redacted] said that ARTHUR VINING DAVIS sent his personal airplane to [redacted] to rescue the [redacted] family, at the time the BATISTA Government collapsed. It is to be noted that ARTHUR VINING DAVIS owns 2,000 acres of land on the Isla of Pines. [redacted] said he does not know, but he is of the opinion that [redacted] represents DAVIS in making any contribution to the anti-Castro Revolutionary movement. [redacted] said CASTRO took land, ships, and 7,000 head of cattle, and all real estate from the [redacted] family.

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[redacted] said a Cuban named [redacted] arrived in Miami from Guadamala on 6/9/59. He said that [redacted] is a leader of an organization known as the "Confederation Campesina de Latino America".

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This Federation is formed of farmers in Mexico, Guadamala, Costa Rico, and Cuba. It is anti-Communist. [ ] wanted [ ] to establish some kind of contact for him in Washington, D. C., so he could arrange an international congress of farmers.

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[ ] stated he was leaving on June 10, 1959, for Washington, D. C., where he would be c/o Windsor Park Hotel. He was taking this trip upon request of [ ] who is already in Washington, D. C. staying at this same hotel. He said [ ] planned to leave within the next few days for the UN, NYC, and he, himself, planned to return to Miami on the following Saturday or Sunday.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Miami (105-1742)

DATE: June 22, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (105-584)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

Re Atlanta tel 6-8-59, Buairtel 6-10-59  
and urairtel 6-12-59.

Re Atlanta tel reported that the information that [ ] organization had some contacts in Washington, D. C., who were close to the FBI was received by the Bureau from George J. Hearn, Adjutant General, State of Georgia. It would appear, therefore, that an interview with [ ] could be conducted without jeopardizing your informants in this matter, inasmuch as the Bureau obtained this information not from the informants but directly from Hearn. Reconsider your decision not to interview [ ] at this time and advise the Bureau.

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# 31 Cubans Arrested After Raid

United Press International

HAVANA, June 23 — Thirty-one persons caught with rifles in their possession were arrested last night in the provincial town of Rodas after an attack on police barracks there, it was reported early today.

The arrests increased the number of suspected foes of Premier Fidel Castro who have been jailed recently to more than 200. An unspecified number of persons was arrested in suburban Guana-  
bacoa yesterday with a truckload of dynamite apparently intended for use in home-made bombs.

Under a recently-published decree, any of the prisoners found guilty of terrorism may be sentenced to death.

Rodas is 35 miles west of Santa Clara, the capital of Las Villas Province, scene of the weekend mass meeting at which Castro indicated his regime expects an attack from abroad.

The premier said he hopes any invasion force which might attempt a landing would include some of the "war criminals" who fled from Cuba when President Fulgencio Batista was overthrown Jan. 1.

"The first thing we would do is cut off their retreat so they cannot escape again . . ." he said. "If war criminals decide to return to Cuba, they must be made to pay their debt to justice."

"The enemies of the people have reason to tremble because the people of Cuba will defend their revolution unto death."

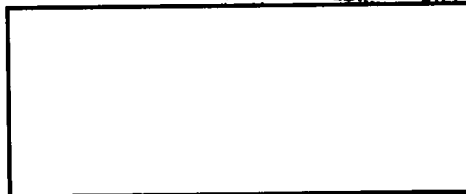
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TO : SAC, Miami

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CUBAN RETALIATION AGAINST BATISTA  
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Miami, Florida  
June 22, 1959

MEMO, SAC

RE: CUBAN AIR FORCE  
FPM - CUBA

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On the morning of June 11, 1959, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
International Airport Branch, telephone [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] Miami  
International Airport, came to the Miami Office upon  
invitation of SA [redacted]

They furnished the following information to SAS

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[redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] said that the Cuban Air Force maintains  
three rooms in the Air International Building, 3400 N. W.  
59th Avenue, in a section of the hangar which is set aside  
by Air International for its customers. Two of these rooms

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are offices which are occupied by [redacted] Cuban Air Attache, and his assistants, [redacted] and [redacted]. The third room is used as living quarters by [redacted] a career Cuban Air Force man who is also attached to the staff of [redacted].

[redacted] said that Air International has for several years had contracts with the Cuban Governments, past and present, for the repair and overhaul of Cuban Air Force planes and equipment. [redacted] said that the Cuban Air Force is presently indebted to his company for a sum of approximately \$230,000.00; that he considers the economic situation in Cuba under the CASTRO Government deplorable; that he is concerned about collecting money due his firm, but that he is not overly worried because there are approximately ten airplanes of the Cuban Air Force presently in his custody at Miami International Airport. b7C

[redacted] said that his company, Aerodex, has sold airplanes to the Cuban Air Force, past and present. He said the Cuban Air Force presently owes Aerodex over \$200,000.00. He is presently attempting to collect this money. b7C

Both [redacted] and [redacted] expressed confidence in Major PEDRO LUIS DIAZ, Chief of the Cuban Air Force, and his brother, Major MARCOS DIAZ, Inspector General of the Cuban Air Force. They said that both of these men are very pro-American, anti-Communist and have made a sincere effort to carry out their duties. They said that both these men have conscientiously attempted to pay off the debts of the Cuban Air Force to Aerodex and to Air International, but that every time they get a voucher approved, the voucher is subsequently rejected by the Cuban Government on some alleged technicality due to no fault of the DIAZ brothers. b7C

[redacted] said that he had obtained approximately one million dollars worth of orders from the Cuban Air Force since January 1, 1959. b7C

[ ] and [ ] said that they have received information from members of the Cuban Air Force (FAR) in Miami to the effect that a Major (FNU) ALMEIDA (JUAN ALMEIDA) is now Acting Chief of the Cuban Air Force "in ausencia" of PEDRO DIAZ, who is purportedly on sick leave. They described ALMEIDA as being a mulatto and alleged Communist sympathizer who had served with FIDEL CASTRO in the Sierra Maestra during the revolution. ALMEIDA allegedly reports directly to FIDEL CASTRO, according to [ ] and [ ]

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[ ] and [ ] said that on the preceding Friday, [ ] called them from Havana and "hit the panic button." [ ] believed that there would be a "fight" when PEDRO DIAZ returns to the Cuban Air Force as Chief and that there was considerable doubt as to whether or not PEDRO DIAZ could do this successfully. Both stated that MARCOS and PEDRO DIAZ are the only individuals holding the Cuban Air Force together at the present time.

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[ ] said that last Saturday, all career Air Force personnel, with the exception of five, were dismissed from FAR without insurance or retirement pay. This occurred in the absence of PEDRO DIAZ. Among those who were dismissed are Major BENIGNO DIAZ, described by them as having been in FAR 24 years, very pro-United States and a good pilot; [ ] MARCOS and PEDRO DIAZ, who is also very pro-United States; [ ]

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[ ] said that all these men had been stationed at Camp Liberty, Havana, and that all the individuals dismissed from the Cuban Air Force were pro-American.

[ ] said that about a week ago MARCOS DIAZ told him that RAUL CASTRO is in charge of an armed camp on the Isle of Pines, that two C-46 planes painted grey and without identification markings, along with some B-26 planes, have been taken to the Isle of Pines and are presently

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loaded and armed ready to participate in an invasion of the Dominican Republic. Personnel of FAR are not allowed near the Isle of Pines.

Both stated that the above described C-46 planes made frequent trips to Miami until several weeks ago during which time they have not been seen by [ ] or [ ]. One of these C-46 planes bears Identification Number 610 and the other 611.

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The preceding Thursday, [ ] told [ ] that he was trying to get absolute proof concerning three Russian officers who are now serving as advisers to RAUL and FIDEL CASTRO.

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[ ] stated that Aerodex has sold FAR one DC 4 plane in the recent past and is now in the process of attempting to sell FAR 20 Champion Skytracks to be used for pilot training.

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[ ] and [ ] said that the Cuban Air Force now possesses the following planes:

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- 9 C-47's
- 2 DC-4's (one of which [ ] is holding as security)
- 2 C-46's (on Isle of Pines as mentioned above)
- 11 AT-5 planes
- 6 F-47's
- 9 Sea Fury's (British)
- 4 F-80 jets
- 2 T-33 jets
- 6 or 7 B-26's
- 4 F-51's
- 3 Bell Helicopters
- 1 Sikorsky Helicopter

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PEDRO DIAZ is a popular hero in Cuba and it is felt that CASTRO cannot push him out without first paying the way, by properly undermining him. At the present time, PEDRO has typhoid fever.

There are two or three flights daily with political prisoners for the Isle of Pines.

[redacted] an American, is now in the good graces of FAR. They did not know his exact status. b7C

[redacted] an American, is a close friend of PEDRO and MARCOS DIAZ and serves as a sort of adviser to them. He loudly proclaims to Cubans he is an American citizen and the Cubans cannot touch him. He claims that he keeps an eye on gambling in Cuba, and is allegedly on the Cuban payroll. He is a soldier of fortune. b7C

It is the opinion of FAR, and reliable business people in Cuba, that serious trouble will occur within 60 to 90 days in Cuba which might offset the CASTRO regime. [redacted] claims that thousands of people in Cuba are taking up arms against FIDEL CASTRO. b7C

Major ALMEIDA, present Acting Chief of FAR, is a former car parking attendant prior to the time he joined with FIDEL and RAUL CASTRO in the mountains. He answers directly to RAUL CASTRO. His first move has been to demote the career men and the second move to remove them. b7C b7D

[redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] state that members of FAR and the business people with whom they deal believe FIDEL CASTRO is mentally sick and that known Communist Party members are steadily replacing FIDEL CASTRO's original appointees. b7C

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[ ] has rejected offer as [ ]  
for the Cuban Government in Washington. He is a United States  
citizen and is [ ]  
He is a nervous wreck because of the situation in Cuba.

[ ] of the Cuban Air Force, b7C  
is always on hand to meet important Cuban arrivals from  
Havana. [ ] and [ ] did not know the nature of his  
duties.

RAFAEL BOTELLO is alleged to be Director of Counter  
Espionage for FAR in Miami, according to FAR personnel. CARLOS  
GARCIA is believed by [ ] to be the aid to  
BOTELLO. They have indicated they are busy investigating b7C  
BATISTA and MASFERRER people in Miami. Comments of other  
FAR personnel concerning alleged gun purchases by BATISTA and  
MASFERRER people are summarized by stating "so what."

[ ] exhibited an identification card  
exhibited to him by FAR in the name of [ ] b7C  
Aerodex, Inc., signed by MARCOS DIAZ LANS and RINALDO  
BLANCO who is head of the Quarter Master Corps of FAR.

At about 6:00 P.M. on June 16, 1959, [ ]  
and [ ] telephonically furnished the following b7C  
additional information:

[ ] had just arrived in Miami at the  
airport from Havana. He furnished them with the following b7C  
information:

CASTRO has imported about 30 pilots from foreign  
countries to replace personnel dismissed from FAR. Twelve  
to fifteen of these pilots are Venezuelans; about four are  
from Chile; and a number from Nicaragua.

[ ] on June 15 and 16, b7C  
1959, engaged in conversations with [ ]  
[ ] and disclosed that seven boats  
had left from the south of Cuba on June 15, 1959, or early



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morning of June 16, 1959, for Island Hispanola (on which Haiti and Dominican Republic are situated). About a day or two prior to this, two other boats landed on an isolated coastal section of the Dominican Republic.

[ ] observed that a DC-4 plane bearing Serial Number 613, with seats removed, registered for paratroopers and with identification painted over, was loaded on June 15, 1959, at Camp Liberty with bazookas and automatic weapons.

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[ ] reported to them practically all plans had left Camp Liberty for the Isle of Pines or Camaguey. Markings had been removed from most of these plans prior to departure.

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[ ] reported to them that on June 15, 1959, RAUL CASTRO discharged from FAR all the old career people, pilots, mechanics and radio technicians.

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[ ] advised them that it is rumored that there are 10,000 troops heavily armed on the Isle of Pines.

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[ ] expressed great concern for the safety of MARCOS and PEDRO DIAZ, stating "I don't know how they can get out." MARCOS DIAZ was scheduled to arrive on June 17, 1959, in Miami from Cuba.

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Still later in the evening on June 16, 1959.

[ ] advised that [ ] had asked [ ] to recruit or charter a launch to get PEDRO DIAZ out of Cuba from Veradero Beach within ten days. [ ] stated that he is sympathetic and likes PEDRO and MARCOS DIAZ and would like to help them get to the United States, but at the same time does not want to subject himself to possible prosecution by violating any laws of the United States.

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[ ] and [ ]  
Special Agents

Sarasota, Fla.  
6/25/59

MEMO SAC: (105-1742)

RE: ANTI FIDEL CASTRO MOVEMENT  
IS - CUBA

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[redacted] Fla.,  
and established contact of this office was recently contacted on this matter  
in reference to P-51 aircraft. [redacted]  
[redacted]

On the evening of 6/24/59, [redacted] contacted SA [redacted] and advised that  
at 4:30 that afternoon, an ex-Navy Privateer bomber, a four engine aircraft,  
landed at the Venice, Fla., airport for fuel. He said the plane was damaged by  
fire on take off and was grounded there for repairs. [redacted] said one of his  
mechanics will repair the plane

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[redacted] said this plane bore the number N7683C and had "CAM Airline"  
painted on the side of the plane. He said it looked like a very sloppy paint job and the aircraft appeared to be one just recently bought from military  
surplus. The pilot of the plane was identified as [redacted] of Kansas City, Mo.,  
and the plane was listed as the property of CAM Airlines of Kansas City enroute  
to Caracas, Venezuela, for a load of cargo.

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[redacted] said he is now in the process of shipping a lot of aircraft  
parts and engines to the caribbean area; and therefore, is in close contact  
with Department of State. He said he was told on 6/24/59 by Department of  
State that there will be no more shipments of aircraft parts to the caribbean  
area except for airlines, and he assumes the same holds true for sale of  
aircraft to the caribbean.

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[redacted] said he cannot believe that this plane is a legitimate cargo plane  
since the bomb-bays are just lightly sealed, and it just does not look like a  
cargo plane. [redacted] said he is of the opinion this plane is destined for  
revolutionary use in the caribbean and is leaving the U.S. under the guise of  
an airline cargo plane.

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Suggest this information be furnished, verbally, to I & NS and Customs  
at Miami.

*Customs advised*  
*7-6-59*  
*RD*

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MEMO  
TO: SAC, MIAMI

June 23, 1959

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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RE: ANTI-CASTRO MOVEMENT

The following is a summary translation by [REDACTED]  
of a leaflet turned over to SA [REDACTED] on May 21, 1959 by [REDACTED]

Key West:

(original leaflet destroyed)

MENSAJE QUINCENAL  
(FORTNIGHTLY MESSAGE)

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No. 2

April 1959

Year of Terror

This four-page leaflet contains a series of articles against FIDEL CASTRO and the Revolutionary Government.

Page 1 shows a picture of a child behind bars. The caption says that he is the child of a Cuban Army officer, who is being held in the Prison of La Cabana by the sanguinary CHE GUEVARA and the hangman Captain MARKS.

FIDEL'S mother and sisters were protected by the BATISTA Government and were permitted to come and go without restrictions.

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A photograph of FIDEL CASTRO, JR., who is being taught to follow in his father's footsteps. CASTRO is accused of leaving his son as a baby. He abandoned both the baby and his wife <sup>without food</sup> in a small apartment in Havana.

Commander NAPOLES, an esteemed officer of the Cuban Army, was tried by the "Revolutionary Court", was found not guilty, and yet was assassinated in cold blood by several militiamen of the July 26. This murder was ordered by RAUL CASTRO.

Commander JUAN ALMEIDA was known to be a pusher of Marijuana. No one knows how he got into the revolution.

The attack on the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, where the barbudos of the July 26, stole the clothing and other personal belongings of the departing Ambassador and his family is another page of shame in the history of Cuba.

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There is a cartoon with the following captions:

This leaflet was distributed to the masses, inviting them to come to the Palace the day that JOSE FIGUEROA was visiting there, in order to support the anti-United States policy of FIDEL.

The Revolutionary Government is accused of adulterating gasoline with alcohol in order to make greater profits. The previous government forbade that mixture.

World Opinions about FIDEL CASTRO--all but the excerpt from "Pravda" of Moscow are unfavorable to CASTRO.

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#### WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

This outlines the work to be carried on against the FIDELIST Government. The campaign will consist of the following procedures:

- 1) Propaganda to broadcast mistakes and horrors of the government and refutation of the lies which have been spread about the previous government;
- 2) Establishment of relations with individuals and groups (although traditionally opposed to one another) which believe in the need of replacing the present government;
- 3) Eventual establishment of a government which will offer guarantees to all groups, which will respect order, and which will convene general elections within 6 months.

A great deal of attention must be paid to the labor sector which must be shown the danger of Communist penetration in the labor movement.

The Chief of Police of Havana, EFIGENIO ELMEJEIRAS, is accused of being a criminal and a user of marihuana.

ERNESTINA OTERO is accused of having been employed by TABERNILLA and by GARCIA BAEZ as well as by the July 26.

Monsignor PEREZ SERANTES, who was formerly a noted defender of CASTRO, has now turned against him because of the educational measures which are being put into effect by Dr. HART, Minister of Education, and he now says that the Cuban Government has fallen into the hands of the Communists.

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-584)

6/26/59

SAC, MIAMI (105-1742)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

ReBulet 6/15/59.

The Miami Office is in possession of no information which would indicate that ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS, ex-Cuban senator currently residing in the Miami area, recently made a trip to Cuba.

On 6/19/59, the following individuals, whose identities should be protected, advised that they had no information that MASFERRER had made a trip to Cuba:

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[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

General MANUEL BENITEZ, former chief of Cuban National Police 1944-48, and

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[redacted] - former sergeant in Cuban Air Force, contacted by SA [redacted]

The above individuals are personally acquainted with MASFERRER.

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Post Office Box 52-157  
Miami 52, Florida  
June 26, 1959

Mr. Edward P. Ahrens  
District Director  
Immigration & Naturalization Service  
Post Office Box 2830  
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Ahrens:

Enclosed is a memorandum entitled "Anti-Fidel  
Castro Activities - Plans Involving Rolando Masferrer  
and General Jose Pedraza" dated June 26, 1959 at Miami,  
Florida, for your information.

Very truly yours,

LEE O. TRAGUE  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 52-157  
Miami 52, Florida  
June 26, 1959

Mr. Joseph A. Fortier  
Supervising Customs Agent  
U. S. Customs Service  
Post Office Box 390  
Miami 13, Florida

Dear Mr. Fortier:

Enclosed is a memorandum entitled "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities - Plans Involving Rolando Masferrer and General Jose Pedraza" dated June 26, 1959 at Miami, Florida, for your information.

Very truly yours,

LEE O. TEAGUE  
Special Agent in Charge

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June 25, 1959

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (2-225)

ROLANDO ALCADIO MASFERREN ROJAS;  
JUSTO LUIS POZO DEL PUERTO;  
PEDRO DIAZ  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS  
(OO: Miami)

Re: airtel 6/17/59; Miami teletype 6/4/59,  
Atlanta airtel 6/6/59, and Atlanta teletype 6/8/59,  
entitled, "ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES."

Bureau has opened new case entitled as above.

Atlanta Office now requested to interview  
[redacted] inasmuch as the informant who furnished  
original information has now been compromised as  
a Cuban Government agent, and not as a Miami  
Office source, and information he furnished in  
referenced Miami teletype could have logically  
come from the Cuban Government.

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Washington Field requested to interview  
[redacted] to ascertain if he has been contacted  
by Cubans from Miami and the nature of any such  
contact.

Atlanta and Washington Field submit results  
of investigation under title as captioned above.

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2 - Atlanta (AM)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Newark, New Jersey  
June 23, 1959

[redacted] b7C  
[redacted], whose reliability has not been ascertained, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information disclosed on June 22, 1959, that [redacted] is leaving for Miami, Florida, and is expected to arrive there by Friday, June 26, 1959.

[redacted] b7C  
[redacted] added that [redacted] is travelling to Miami to confer with Colonel Piedra and Rolando Masferrer. After this conference Piedra and Valdes are expected to travel by plane on June 26, 27, 1959, to Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, to confer with General Pedraza on the overthrow of Castro. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] went on to say that the leaders of the four anti-Castro organizations are Colonel Pedraza of the March 10; Valdes of August 24; Piedra of September 4; Masferrer of La Rosa Blanca (the white rose). These men, all formerly connected with the Batista government, have chosen Ribero Aguerro as the provisional President of Cuba: Pedraza, head of the Army; Masferrer, head of the Navy; [redacted] and Piedra one of the Cabinet Ministers. b7C

[redacted] reported that these groups had anticipated attempting an invasion of Cuba from the Isla de Pinas, located off the southern coast of Cuba; however, the date has been postponed indefinitely. [redacted] stated that [redacted] indicated there are 6000 political prisoners on this island with only 71 Castro men guarding them--of this number of guards, six of them are connected with [redacted] organization. There is only one communication cable between this island and the mainland of Cuba; if it is decided to strike from this position, they could cut the cable on the northern side to sever direct contact with Cuba. b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] has one brother with a group of men in the mountains near Camazuey, Cuba; another in the Sierra Maestra Mountains of Oriente Province leading a group; 105-1742-399

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and a third brother is located in the western region of Cuba under constant surveillance of Castro's men. This brother is obligated to work for Castro, and if he leaves the area without permission he will be shot.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (105-7281)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 16 copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding captioned subject. Copies of this memorandum are also being furnished New York and San Juan for information purposes. Enclosed for Miami are eight copies of above-mentioned letterhead memorandum.

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This memorandum is being classified "~~Confidential~~" because the disclosure of the information furnished by [REDACTED] could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the U.S.

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[REDACTED] utilized in the body of enclosed memorandum is [REDACTED], and he has requested that his name be kept confidential. He was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 6/22/59.

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The Miami Office is requested to check the flights leaving Miami for Ciudad Trujillo to determine if [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are passengers going to that city on either 6/26, 27/59.

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  - (1-AUGUST 24 ORGANIZATION)
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  - (1-105-75511 CUBAN RETALIATION-BATISTA ADHERENTS)
- 5 - New York (Encls. 5) (RM)
  - (1-ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES)
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- 7 - Newark
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  - (1-105-7006; ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

MM 105-1905

Miami, Florida

JUN 26 1959

RE: CRUSADE OF REVOLUTIONARIES  
AGAINST COMMUNISM (CRAC)

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On June 19, 1959, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 15, 1959, [redacted] and (First Name Unknown) [redacted] left Miami, Florida, for Sumter, South Carolina, by private plane. [redacted] is the brother-in-law of [redacted] an attorney who is one of the leaders of CRAC in Miami, Florida.

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When [redacted] and [redacted] arrived in Sumter, South Carolina, they contacted [redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] (phonetic), who are gun dealers in that city.

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On the following day [redacted] an arms dealer from New York City arrived in Sumter, South Carolina, and a meeting was held between [redacted] and an American named [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), at the Mount Vernon Motel.

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[redacted] stated he knew a number of people connected with the former BATISTA government of Cuba; that he was their contact for their purchasing guns and stated that he keeps no guns or ammunition in Sumter, South Carolina.

On June 17, 1959, [redacted] went to Washington, D. C. On arrival they went to Room W536 of the Statler Hotel and met with [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] both leaders

- 11 - Bureau
- 1 - INS, Miami
- 1 - U. S. Customs, Miami
- 1 - New York
- 1 - Washington Field
- 4 - Miami (105-1905)(1 - 105-1742)(1 - 105-1891)

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105-1742-401

Re: Crusade of Revolutionaries Against Communism (CRAC)

and members of CRAC. At a meeting held there, [ ] agreed to sell [ ] all the arms and ammunition they would need for an attempt to overthrow the present Cuban government. However, [ ] desired to make delivery of these arms and ammunition some place outside the United States. [ ] further indicated that he had a staff capable of supplying [ ] with trained demolition experts and to provide any other necessary services to successfully carry out a revolution. b7C

[ ] was favorably impressed by [ ] and stated he had huge sums of money to spend for the purchase of arms and ammunition and was desirous of doing business with [ ] b7C

On June 17, 1959 [ ] received a telephone call from [ ], registered agent of the governments of [ ]. However, the nature of the telephone conversation was unknown. b7C

[ ] advised that on June 17, 1959, [ ] returned to Miami, Florida, from Washington, D. C., via National Airlines and [ ] and [ ] remained in Washington, D. C. b7D b2 b7C

[ ] advised that [ ] subsequently went to New York City and on June 19, 1959, called [ ] and [ ] in Miami. The nature of this telephone conversation was unknown. b7C

[ ] advised that [ ] and [ ] on arrival in Miami were to meet with a man who represented a group of Anti-CASTRO people numbering about two hundred persons who allegedly recently landed in Cuba to engage in armed warfare against the FIDEL CASTRO government of Cuba. b7C

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DIRECTOR, FBI

JUN 26 1959

SAC, MIAMI (105-1905)

CRUSADE OF REVOLUTIONARIES AGAINST COMMUNISM (CRAC)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Re Miami teletype 6/11/59; Bureau airtel 6/19/59, entitled, "ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES;" and Washington Field airtel 6/17/59, entitled, "CARIBBEAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES," all of which have reference to [redacted] and [redacted] members of CRAC.

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Enclosed herewith are eleven copies of letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, at Miami.

A separate investigation is being conducted concerning CRAC and the officers and activities of this organization will be reported in form suitable for dissemination.

[redacted]

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Copies of enclosed letterhead memorandum are being disseminated to Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, and United States Customs, Miami.

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- 1 - New York (Info)(Encl. - 1)(RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (Info)(Encl. - 1)(RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

105-1742

Miami, Florida  
June 26, 1959

RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES-  
PLANS INVOLVING  
ROLANDO MASFERRER AND  
GENERAL JOSE PEDRAZA

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On June 21, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished some reliable information in the past, and who is well acquainted with the activities of ROLANDO MASFERRER, former Cuban senator, during the BATISTA regime, and so-called "war criminal", now residing in exile in Miami, furnished the following information.

MASFERRER and General JOSE PEDRAZA, a Cuban who formerly served during the BATISTA regime, and who is now living in exile in the Dominican Republic where he reportedly heads an anti-CASTRO movement, have reached an agreement for the setting up of a military junta. This military junta will be comprised only of PEDRAZA and MASFERRER, and possibly a third individual, identity unknown to [redacted]. This junta will take office if and when FIDEL CASTRO is overthrown by the anti-CASTRO movement of which PEDRAZA and MASFERRER are leading members.

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The military junta plans to govern Cuba for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days, at which time national elections will be held, preparatory to the restoration of a constitutional government in Cuba.

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DATE 3-2-85 BY [signature]

*[Handwritten signature]*

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RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES-  
PLANS INVOLVING  
ROLANDO MASFERRER AND  
GENERAL JOSE PEDRAZA

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[ ] said that MASFERRER will be of equal importance with PEDRAZA in this junta. MASFERRER intends to be Commander in Chief of the Cuban armed forces during the one hundred eighty day period of the junta. He expects to be elected a Senator from Oriente Province during the national elections.

[ ] said that this military junta, according to MASFERRER, will put into effect a "milk and honey" policy toward the United States; that it will attempt to restore commerce and industry in the Cuban economy; and will abolish capital punishment immediately after the revolutionary war is terminated.

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[ ] said that the junta will avoid FIDEL CASTRO's policy of the "circus of death" in meting out justice, and will adopt a policy of leniency in order to put Cuba on a sound and peaceful basis as soon as possible.

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[ ] said that he is certain, because of information received through his association with MASFERRER and other individuals associated closely with MASFERRER, and because of his own knowledge of the situation in Cuba, that Cuba will be subjected to one of the worst blood baths in its history during the period leading up to the establishment of this military junta.

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[ ] said that this military junta has the support of Generalissimo RAFAEL TRUJILLO of the Dominican Republic. He said that TRUJILLO is militarily prepared and is awaiting CASTRO to overstep himself sufficiently in his

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RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES-  
PLANS INVOLVING  
ROLANDO MASFERRER AND  
GENERAL JOSE PEDRAZA

efforts to launch invasionary forces against the Dominican Republic, so that TRUJILLO can retaliate with a justifiable attack against Cuba.

According to the plan agreed upon between MASFERRER and PEDRAZA, the Cuban exiles in the Dominican Republic, under the leadership of PEDRAZA, will participate in the attack on Cuba. Simultaneously with this attack, the anti-CASTRO movement inside Cuba will rise up against CASTRO.

MASFERRER claims to have between 80,000 and 90,000 political followers in Oriente Province, approximately 3,000 to 4,000 of whom are already armed and operating in isolated groups in the mountains of that province. Most of these armed men are former professional soldiers who were thrown out of the government after CASTRO took over.

There are approximately 1,200 men in Pinar del Rio Province who are willing to take up arms against CASTRO; 600 of these are already armed, 50 men of this group being from a farm owned by MASFERRER in that province. These men are already equipped with mortars, machine guns and other effective weapons. MASFERRER's organization in Pinar del Rio is a well knit group, according to [redacted] b2 b7C b7D

There have been many clandestine landings by American planes in Pinar del Rio Province on special missions. [redacted] claimed to possess no details concerning the nature of these landings, nor identity of the planes and personnel involved. b2 b7C b7D

In Las Villas Province, MASFERRER has approximately 60 men operating in the hills, 40 of whom are already armed.

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In addition, MASFERRER is counting on from 600 to 700 people as being willing to take up arms on his behalf.

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[ ] said that in Havana, Cuba there is a well organized anti-CASTRO underground movement which will also participate in the plans to overthrow CASTRO. The anti-CASTRO movement has good contacts in the Navy, revolutionary police, Army, Tank Corps and Air Force, and is counting on large numbers of personnel in these units to rise up against CASTRO at the appropriate time. [ ] said that almost the entire police force, with the exception of the Barbudoes, who fought with CASTRO in the mountains, are supporting the anti-CASTRO movement.

Although MASFERRER is feared and held in poor esteem by many of the leading Cuban exiles now residing in the United States, these people nevertheless treat MASFERRER with great deference, and realize that he is indispensable to the success of any anti-CASTRO movement.

MASFERRER daily receives visits from former Cuban senators, businessmen, politicians and military personnel who are now living in the United States. He is in close liaison with General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, JR., who lives in West Palm Beach. TABERNILLA is the son of General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, SR., who was Commander in Chief of the armed forces under BATISTA. MASFERRER is also in frequent liaison with General MANUEL BENITEZ, former Chief of Cuban National Police.

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prominently mentioned as a leading member of the anti-CASTRO movement, actually carries no great weight and commands no leadership. [ ] said that [ ] has no political following in Cuba, although he has many friends in the United States Government. MASFERRER is on a friendly basis with PORTUONDO.

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[ ] said that General JOSE PEDRAZA has made several secret trips to the United States, although none recently. PEDRAZA is the leader of the anti-CASTRO movement in the Dominican Republic and has close liaison with TRUJILLO. PEDRAZA is "out for blood", as his son was killed by the CASTRO revolutionary movement. Although PEDRAZA is a key man in this movement, he is a person of little administrative ability and he has a reputation for corruptness as a military official.

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[ ] said that MASFERRER is undoubtedly the most brilliant and effective man in the anti-CASTRO movement.

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MAFERRER has received several thousand dollars by way of contribution from FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, JR.

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Approximately one week prior to June 21, 1959, MASFERRER received a letter from President LUIS SOMOZA of Nicaragua, and his brother General ANASTASIO SOMOZA, offering MASFERRER help against CASTRO as soon as they have been able to clear up their own internal situation.

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[ ] said there have recently been plans for an invasion of the Isle of Pines on the part of certain anti-CASTRO Cubans, including JUSTO LUIS POZO, former

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Mayor in Havana, Cuba, and that had this invasion been launched, Guatemala was willing to have allowed the anti-CASTRO forces to utilize Naval bases in Guatemala. Also, the governor of the Province of Yucatan had offered the anti-CASTRO forces a base in Yucatan and use of the Island of Cozumel, for a period of twenty-four hours.

[ ] said that the plans for an invasion of the Isle of Pines had been called off due to the fact that the Cuban government sent many soldiers to that island to resist any such effort.

[ ] said that MASFERRER's organization has received evidence that another Cuban in Miami, who had been ostensibly cooperating with them, had furnished information to the CASTRO government concerning their plans and that as these plans developed, CASTRO increased his defenses on the Isle of Pines in the same proportion.

[ ] said that in the event MASFERRER and his followers take over the government of Cuba, that [ ] residing in Miami, will be No. 1 on the "hit parade" as an enemy of MASFERRER. He explained that [ ] had recently "sold out" MASFERRER in connection with [ ] which had been kept at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida until recently. [ ]

[ ] with money registered in the name of a friend of [ ] MASFERRER became hard-pushed financially to support himself and his immediate associates in Miami, so he proposed to [ ] be sold so that the money could be used for the living expenses of

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MASFERRER and his associates. [ ] refused and [ ]  
[ ] from the place where it had been kept. TRUJILLO  
then ordered [ ] to come to the Dominican Republic  
immediately as an aftermath of this disagreement between  
MASFERRER and [ ] implying that [ ] would be a dead  
man otherwise. [ ] said he understands that the plane  
had been taken to the Dominican Republic.

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[ ] said that it is his personal opinion that  
MASFERRER may possibly be in Cuba within twenty to thirty  
days, although this is strictly conjecture based upon general  
information received through association with MASFERRER and  
his organization.

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With regard to the above-mentioned Lodestar air-  
plane on June 8, 1959, [ ] who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, reported that [ ] Cuban  
exile in Miami who was formerly closely associated with CARLOS  
PRIO SOCARRAS, former President of Cuba, had recently  
purchased [ ] for the  
sum of [ ] which money had been furnished to [ ]  
by MASFERRER from funds received by MASFERRER from the  
Dominican Republic. [ ] had been registered in the  
name of an American.

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On June 23, 1959, [ ] said that [ ] had  
just returned to Miami and that the above-mentioned airplane  
had been delivered to the Dominican Republic by [ ]  
that [ ] had been offered the commission of a Major in  
the Dominican Air Force by Generalissimo TRUJILLO while in  
the Dominican Republic.

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On June 24, 1959, [ ] said that [ ]  
had decided to accept the above-mentioned commission  
and that [ ] was departing Miami within the next day  
or two for the Dominican Republic.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-1742)  
ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
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Enclosed are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled "ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES - PLANS INVOLVING ROLANDO MASFERRER AND GENERAL JOSE PEDRAZA", dated June 26, 1959. Copies of same are being furnished to U. S. Customs, Miami and INS, Miami, by separate cover letter. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished information orally to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on 6/21/59. He expressed the request that his identity be treated confidentially. [redacted] is the subject of a separate investigation.

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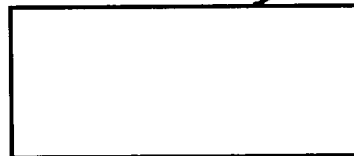
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[redacted] is [redacted]  
[redacted] who reported orally to SA [redacted]  
on the dates indicated. She expressly requested that her  
identity be treated confidentially.

One copy each of this letterhead memorandum  
is being furnished New York and Washington Field for  
information purposes in view of their interest in this case.

Miami, through informants and other sources,  
will endeavor to obtain verification of information set  
forth in attached letterhead memorandum.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, NEW YORK

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## Six Deny Arms Plot

Dominican Consul Augusto Ferrando and five others indicted in connection with a gun-smuggling intrigue pleaded not guilty Friday in federal court.

In the group is Joseph Li-quori, suspended Miami policeman and onetime bodyguard to Gen. Rafael Trujillo Jr., playboy son of Dominican Republic dictator.

Others are Leonard Trento, Newark, N.J. businessman; Dominick E. Bartone, alleged agent for the owner of the C-74 cargo plane in which Customs agents seized arms stores; Samuel E. Pople Jr., pilot for the May 22 flight that never got off the ground, and Sidney E. Neubauer, a New York lawyer.

The six are charged with conspiracy to extort arms illegally and attempted bribe of two customs officials.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
June 26, 1959

NY 105-35253

Re: Anti-Fidel Castro Activities

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-35253)

SUBJECT: ANTI - FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information regarding Anti-CASTRO activities within Cuba as furnished by [redacted] on 6/26/59.

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SAC: M. Am. 1 Field Office

Re:

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

☒ For information. *Sac Bufile 6/16/59 Re Anti-Fidel Castro Activities*  
☐ For appropriate action. *Madani*

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Date: **June 25, 1959**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

✓ To: SAC, Miami

✓ From: Director, FBI (109-584)

**ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA**

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Reurtel 6/19/59.

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Buairtel 5/20/59, your file 105-1563, instructed your office to immediately determine if [ ] was in Miami, and to promptly furnish any information received regarding his activities in Miami area. No response has been received as yet to this airtel. Expedite inquiries regarding [ ] alleged trips to United States, including reported visit of 6/18/59 and, if confirmed, conduct thorough inquiries to determine in detail nature of his contacts and activities in United States and to resolve allegations referred to in Buairtel of 5/20/59 as well as charges set out in retel. Your inquiries should include thorough check of Eden Roc Hotel, Miami, where [ ] reportedly met [ ]. Also check appropriate INS, Customs and airlines records in effort to verify [ ] reported visits to United States

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Legat, Havana, being requested separately to check sources regarding [ ] possible travel to United States.

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[ ] Miami should clarify statement in retel to effect [ ] was with [ ] who was arrested 5/22/59 by Customs, Miami, relative to seizure of plane loaded with arms for Dominican Republic. Miami should advise source of this statement and also basis for allegation that [ ] visited Miami in order to receive [ ] from [ ]. In latter connection, Miami should determine if [ ] advised [ ] to this effect or whether there is some other basis for statement.

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Airtel to Miami  
Re: Anti-Fidel Castro Activities  
109-584

Miami should arrange to closely cover [redacted] activities during any future trips he may make to United States and in this regard consideration should be given to employing physical surveillances and utilizing other confidential techniques, requesting Bureau approval where necessary. In view of critical nature of current Cuban situation and [redacted] apparent key involvement, your office has clear-cut responsibility to assure that activities of [redacted] in United States are fully covered, that his contacts here are identified, and that pertinent data regarding his activities in United States is promptly reported. b7C

Regarding Amadeo Barletta, Bufiles contain considerable data regarding both Amadeo Barletta, Sr., born 11/17/94 in Italy, and [redacted] in Dominican Republic. From information set forth in retel, it appears individual referred to is Barletta, Sr., who was subject of investigation by Bureau 1941-42 under "Internal Security - I" character as an alleged rabid pro-Fascist. Barletta at that time was a representative of General Motors in Dominican Republic having formerly served as honorary Italian Consul in Havana. No information was developed indicating that Barletta had been engaged in any subversive activities in United States and case was closed in February, 1942. b7C

During March, 1942, at request of Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit, Department of Justice, Bureau initiated investigation of [redacted] described as an Italian citizen who was then a student at Princeton University. Subsequent investigation by Newark Office disclosed that [redacted] came to United States in 1934 and had attended schools in this country since that time; that he was arrested on 8/27/42 at Princeton, New Jersey, by FBI agents on basis of Presidential Warrant and was subsequently released on interim parole on authority of United States Attorney; that he was paroled 11/14/42 after a hearing before the Alien Enemy Hearing Board; and that he was voluntarily inducted into the United States Army on 7/2/43 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. This case was closed during June, 1943. b7C

*Airtel to Miami  
Re: Anti-Fidel Castro Activities  
109-584*

*New York should immediately conduct inquiries to develop pertinent details regarding Barletta's status and current activities in United States. His present relationship with General Motors should be determined and efforts should be made to ascertain if he has been in contact with anti-Castro elements in the United States. Immediately following preliminary inquiries, New York should submit recommendations concerning possible interview of Barletta.*

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*Miami should expedite investigation regarding  which was requested in Bufile 6/16/59 under same caption as this airtel.*

Miami, Florida  
June 30, 1959

MEMO, SAC (105-1742)

RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

On June 8, 1959, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Miami Beach, furnished the following information  
confidentially, and with the specific request that her  
husband not be informed that she has cooperated in this  
matter:

Several days prior to 6/8/59, [redacted]  
[redacted] a Cuban who is  
in the Dominican Republic heading up an anti-CASTRO  
movement, called [redacted] and requested her to influence  
her husband, [redacted]  
which had at one time been in the hands of ROLANDO  
MASFERRER.

[redacted] said that her husband and MASFERRER  
have parted company, and that the next issue of "Tribuna"  
would carry an announcement to the effect that MASFERRER  
no longer has anything to do with that publication which  
is being published by [redacted]

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SAC, MIAMI (157-46)

UNSUB; Threat to Bomb  
"Committee of Aid to Cuba"  
Meeting, Miami, Florida,  
April 16, 1959  
BOMBING MATTERS

Re myairtel 4/18/59.

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On 6/19/59, [redacted] Miami, Florida  
Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that  
thorough examination had failed to reveal any bombs  
at Dinner Key Auditorium, the site of captioned meeting,  
and the identity of the individual making the call con-  
cerning the supposed bombs was not established. No  
further action is indicated in this matter, and it is  
being closed.

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(1 - 97-259) - Committee of Aid to Cuba

(1 - 105-1742) - Anti-FIDEL CASTRO Activities

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# Arms Plot Scotched, Castro Foe Arrested

## Broward Deputies Prevent Takeoff

By ARTHUR JOHNSEY and TOM LOWNES  
Herald Staff Writers

Fidel Castro's No. 1 enemy was linked Tuesday with three strange political bedfellows captured in a pre-dawn arms raid at a deserted Broward airfield.

The Castro foe: Former Cuban Sen. Rolando Masferrer, described by the present Cuban regime as "Batista's butcher."

The bedfellows, all released on \$2,500 federal bond after being charged with attempting illegal export of arms:

Jose Carbonell Reyes Marre-ro (alias Jose Carbonell), 51, 3614 NW 12th Ter., a Miami carpenter once jailed for refusing to tell a Dade Grand Jury of his alleged connection with the Communist Party.

Carlos Manuel Zayas Castro (no relation to Fidel), 30, of 415 SW Fifth St., former editor of an "anti-Communist" newspaper in Santiago de Cuba.

Robert John Daut, 38, of 1570 NW 120th St., a Miami photographer-pilot jailed in Havana by the Castro regime five months ago.

The three were grabbed along with a light plane and a carload of arms by Broward sheriff's deputies and a Miramar policeman shortly before 3 a.m. at Broward's North Perry Airport.

The escape of a fourth conspirator led to Masferrer's sudden and mysterious connection with the case.

The former Batista senator was arrested by police only a few miles from the airport a scant hour after the raid.

Metro police, terming the arrest "coincidental," quickly released Masferrer after charging him with failure to have his driver's license.

It was later discovered by Metro detectives that the car driven by Masferrer belonged to Richard Jaffe, 29, of 2030 NW 175th St. — who is also the owner of the plane seized in the North Perry raid.

Jaffe, a Miami mortgage broker and founder of an avowed anti-Castro, anti-Communist "non-profit organization," was jailed in Havana along with Daut for 48 hours in February.

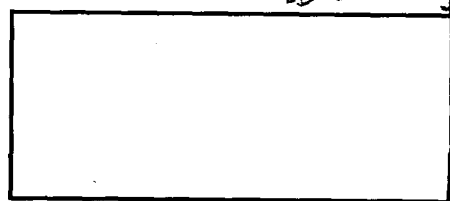
Weeks later, Jaffe was ac-

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cused by Cuban agents of showering Havana with anti-Castro propaganda leaflets.

Several large bundles of the leaflets were found in Jaffe's car when Masferrer was arrested Tuesday.

Undercover customs agents said they planned to question both Masferrer and Jaffe about their possible connection with the elusive "fourth man" who escaped the raiding party.

The moon-lit raid, according to Joseph A. Fortier, U.S. Supervisor of Customs Agents, had every element of a true under-cover thriller.

At one point the arms plane was prevented from escaping into the clouds when quick-thinking police blocked a runway with their car as the plane was taxiing off the field.

The tip-off on the gun running came at 2:37 a.m., when a Broward resident near the airport called police to report a "suspicious landing."

The airport, the tipster said, had been closed to aircraft for hours.

Within minutes, Broward Deputies Clifford Maxley and Orville Schrank, along with Miramar Policeman Jack Thomas, raced up the North Perry runway in their squad cars.

All they found, however, was the lonely Cessna and its pilot, Daut. Casually, Daut explained that he was merely practicing night landings, saying he had taken off from Broward's main airport only minutes before.

Officials at the big Broward port confirmed Daut's story and the raiders were about to let Daut take off again. However, they asked him to wait until they checked the North Perry grounds.

The check revealed a 1955 Ford parked near the runway. Crouching inside was Ex-Editor Castro. Hiding behind the car was Marrero (also known as Carbonell).

Inside the car, the officers found 15 .30 caliber rifles, two Browning automatic rifles, four .30 caliber carbines, 80 boxes of .30 caliber ammunition and 20 boxes of Browning automatic ammunition.

While the raiders checked over their find, they were suddenly aware of the whir of the Cessna's engine far down the field.

Instantly, they hopped into the Miramar police car and raced onto the taxi runway, making it impossible for Daut and his plane to escape.

But they were unable to prevent the escape of a fourth unidentified man who leaped from the taxiing plane and dashed into the darkness.

Later, they found that the plane contained two loaded carbines, a two-way field radio and generator, a machete and extra ammunition.

The plane's ownership checked out to Richard Jaffee, 29, of 2030 NW 17th St., owner of Torch Investments Corp.



Jose Marrero

... or Carbonell



July 1, 1959

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-1742)

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On 6/30/59, [redacted]  
Broward County, Fla., SO, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised  
SA [redacted] that a call was received at 2:30 a.m.,  
6/30/59, that a plane was trying to land at North Perry  
Airport, West Hollywood, Florida. Investigation by SO  
disclosed that aircraft was Cessna 180, white with black  
and green trim, Serial Number N-2998 A, owned by Torch  
Enterprises, Inc., Miami, Florida, [redacted]  
Plane piloted by [redacted] No passengers. SO noted  
1955 Ford, Florida License 1-62184, on airstrip. Two Cubans  
in car. One other fled prior to arrival SO. Examination  
of car disclosed 19 Springfield rifles, 5 carbines, 1 .45  
caliber pistol, 2 Browning automatic rifles, 4 cases ammu-  
nition. In aircraft was gas powered generator of type used to  
power portable radio equipment. Guns never loaded in plane  
and no comment made by individuals. Cubans in car were:  
[redacted]

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7 - Miami (1 - 2-156, ROLANDO MASFERRER)  
(1 - 2-225, ROLANDO MASFERRER, ET AL.)  
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Miami, Florida, white, male, date of birth [redacted], Cuba,  
5' 10", 125 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, [redacted]

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Miami, white, male, date of birth [redacted], Cuba, 5' 5",  
158 pounds, hazel eyes, gray hair, carpenter. [redacted]  
described as [redacted] Miami,  
white male, date of birth [redacted], Philadelphia, Penna.,  
5' 7", 120 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, carpenter.  
All incarcerated Broward County Jail, Fort Lauderdale,  
Fla., for U. S. Customs. [redacted] Dade County,  
Florida. Department of Public Safety, advised [redacted]

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[redacted] arrested by Dade County officers  
early morning, 6/30/59, short driving distance from  
Broward County Line, but released. [redacted] reportedly  
driving car of [redacted]

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On 6/26/59, [redacted]

[redacted] Miami, advised SA [redacted]  
he recently passed watch of [redacted] because [redacted]  
was 'dead broke.' Bureau will be advised of any added  
developments.

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TO: SAC, MIAMI (105-1742)

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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Sarasota, Florida  
June 23, 1959

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RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
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Re Serial #230.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at the office of [REDACTED] Sarasota Herald

Tribune on June 23, 1959, by SA's [REDACTED]

He advised he is presently in business as [REDACTED]

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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New York, New York  
June 26, 1959

Re: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was interviewed on

June 24, 1959.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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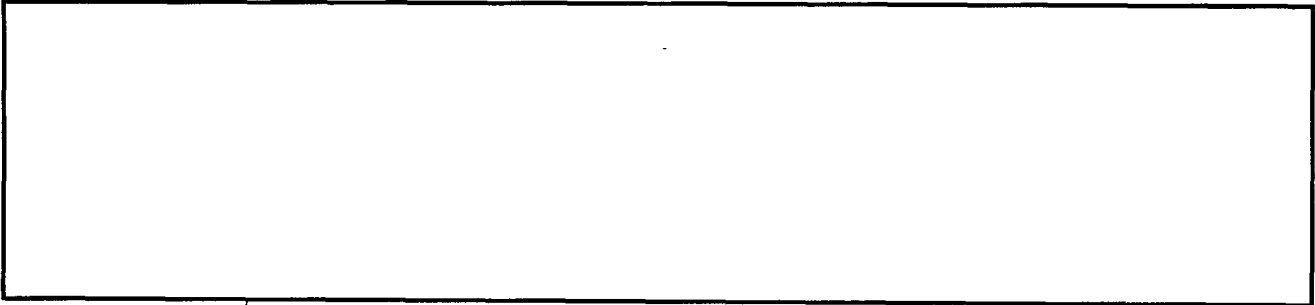
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-34291)

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SUBJECT:

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;  
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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Rebulet to NY, dated 6/19/59, giving the NYO  
permission to interview the subject.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of letterhead  
memorandum on this interview.

- 3 - Bureau (97-3655) (Encls. 11)  
10 - Miami  
1 - New York (105-35253) (ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES)  
1 - New York (109-46) (CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES)  
1 - New York (109-74) (FIDEL CASTRO)  
1 - New York (109-81) (JULY 26 MOVEMENT)  
1 - New York [redacted] (S)  
1 - New York [redacted]  
1 - New York [redacted]  
1 - New York (105-new) (CUBAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES)  
1 - New York [redacted]  
1 - New York [redacted]  
1 - New York (105-34291)

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The subject was interviewed 6/24/59, by  
SAS [redacted] at his  
residence. Miami is requested to identify the [redacted]  
mentioned in the enclosed memorandum. The NYO will maintain  
contact with the subject in an attempt to identify the  
[redacted]

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[redacted] in speaking about the pilots in Miami  
engaged in flying arms, said he did not desire to furnish  
their names as they were personal friends of his. The NYO  
believes [redacted] will furnish these names at a later date.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
June 25, 1959

Re: Foreign Political Matters - Cuba

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[redacted] New York City, returned recently from a trip to Cuba and was interviewed on June 22, 1959, in New York City. [redacted] identified her sources as [redacted] the Sugar Institute, Havana; [redacted] to Fidel Castro, Prime Minister of Cuba; and [redacted] who is connected with the National Institute of Agrarian Reform. [redacted] furnished the following information which she attributed to the above sources:

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Via AIRTEL

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)  
From: SAC, NEW YORK (109-112)  
Subject: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum, setting forth information concerning recent developments in Cuba and the Caribbean area, as furnished by [redacted] on 6/22/59.

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2-Miami (Encs.2) RM  
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MEMO, SAC

CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

On 6/23/59, [redacted] voluntarily presented himself at the Miami Office of the FBI, was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and advised substantially as follows:

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
came to Miami, Florida, approximately 3 weeks ago and upon return to [redacted] found that he was being investigated by the Cuban authorities. Ten days later he received a telegram from [redacted] Miami, instructing him to come to Miami immediately for his own safety. [redacted] left at once and arrived in Miami on 6/14/59.

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[redacted] and [redacted] when these persons arrived at [redacted] about a month ago via private plane. They told [redacted] that they were friends of [redacted] and opposed to FIDEL CASTRO's government. In connection with this, they wanted information regarding the troop strength and displacement, fortification and communication system on the Isle of Pines. [redacted] furnished them with such information to the best of his knowledge and also provided them with a hand-drawn map of the communication system. [redacted] learned from this group that their plan was to attempt to free the political prisoners on the Isle of Pines through an attack on the prison, thereby creating a ready-made army to liberate the Isle of Pines and subsequently Cuba itself.

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- 1 - 2-156 (MASFERRER)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 105-1742 (ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES)
- 1 - [redacted]
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About three weeks ago troops began arriving from the Cuban mainland to reinforce the existing component of roughly 250 soldiers on the Isle of Pines. These troops have continued to arrive until they now number between 1200 and 1500. As a result, the Isle of Pines is now under military control, led by WILLIAM GALVEZ, who is the commandant of all armed forces there. Two or three weeks ago GALVEZ publicly announced that he did not like Americans and that when the revolutionary government gained control they should have killed everyone on the Isle of Pines, since these people are, too, pro-American. [ ] attributed the arrival of these troop reinforcements to the fact that [ ]

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[ ] who was a member of the POZO group, had informed the Cuban government on a daily basis of the nature of the plans to attack the Isle of Pines. For this reason, [ ] had to leave the Isle of Pines inasmuch as his identity and participation in the plan had undoubtedly become known to the Cuban authorities. [ ] had also represented himself as working for the FBI to the Americans associated with the POZO group as well as to various Cuban exiles in the Miami area.

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[ ] 1936 De Soto was confiscated by the CASTRO government about one month ago, and it will be necessary to pay \$800 for its return.

A Cuban is supposed to arrive from the Dominican Republic by commercial airline on the afternoon of 6/23/59, with certain information which is being anxiously awaited by all the various anti-CASTRO groups in Miami. This was revealed by [ ] who is a close associate of POZO in Miami.

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About one month ago, [ ] representative of the U. S. Embassy in Havana to the Isle of Pines, introduced [ ] to [ ] Cuba.

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[redacted] told [redacted] that he was working for the U. S. Embassy and desired that [redacted] furnish him with pertinent information regarding military and political developments on the Isle of Pines. [redacted] displayed an identification card or credentials of some sort to [redacted]; however, due to darkness, [redacted] was unable to determine their nature. [redacted] told [redacted] that, although the U. S. State Department tolerated the CASTRO regime, this regime was basically Communistic and inferred that the U. S. State Department would be glad to see it overthrown. b7C

[redacted] who is a [redacted] for [redacted] in Cuba and believed to be a U. S. citizen, recently remarked to [redacted] that she was leaving [redacted] and going to work for the CASTRO government. Approximately two weeks ago, Captain CARAFELL, second in command of the prison on the Isle of Pines, told [redacted] that [redacted] had begun working for CASTRO. On the same day, [redacted] told [redacted] that she had not begun working for CASTRO and was employed only by [redacted] b7C

[redacted] is currently residing at the residence of [redacted] but may possibly move to the residence of [redacted] in the near future. b7C

At the conclusion of the interview, [redacted] produced two sets of credentials and a badge belonging to [redacted] and showing him to be a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Police. [redacted] had left them in the possession of [redacted] as "souvenirs" with the warning not to show them to anyone. b7C

Photographs of the above credentials and badge were made with the permission of [redacted] b7C

[redacted]  
Special Agent

Miami, Florida  
July 1, 1959

MEMO, SAC

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RE: [REDACTED] aka;  
SM - C.

Clipping "The Miami News" issue June 30, 1959,  
re seizure Broward County SO Deputies of aircraft and  
three men. includes the name of one as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Clipping  
attached.

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[REDACTED] "Miami Herald" reporter, tele-  
phonically contacted office June 30, 1959, referring to  
incident and stating that one individual, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] age 52, of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] appeared identical to a person of the same  
name, approximate age and address, who in 1954 was cited  
for contempt following a Dade County Grand Jury inquiry  
into Communism. [REDACTED] said he was at the U. S. Com-  
missioner's hearing on June 30, 1959, and confronted

[REDACTED] with a question whether he was identical to the  
person involved in a Communist hearing in 1954, and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] appeared to not slightly but said, "Let's not  
discuss that." [REDACTED] said he expected to tie in [REDACTED]  
with that hearing with morgue pictures and data.

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Attch'd.

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ASAC

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Miami 52, Florida

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Mr. Joseph Savoretti  
District Director  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Post Office Box 622  
Biscayne Annex  
Miami 52, Florida

RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for your information is a  
letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, at  
Miami.

Very truly yours,

LEE O. TRAGUE  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 52-157  
Miami 32, Florida

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Mr. Joseph Fortier  
Supervising Customs Agent  
United States Customs Service  
Post Office Box 390  
Miami 13, Florida

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# Avión Misterioso Vuela Sobre Cuba y Arroja Suelos

## A Causa de la Lluvia no fue Identificado

LA HABANA, junio 1.— (UPI)—Una avioneta sobrevoló impunemente esta tarde la ciudad, en medio de la lluvia, arrojando cientos de proclamas contra el gobierno revolucionario del Dr. Fidel Castro. A causa de la lluvia, que cayó varias horas, resultó imposible determinar el color o identificar el aparato.

En los volantes, impresos en papel amarillo y con letras negras, se dice que "10.000 cubanos fueron muertos desde el triunfo de la revolución, 40.000 guardan prisión, otros 20.000 están ocultos en las ciudades para escapar a la persecución de los revolucionarios."

Los volantes están firmados por un movimiento latinoamericano anticomunista y dicen que el gobierno de Castro "está mandado por los comunistas" y que el "26 de Julio también está infiltrado por los rojos."

Con rapidez la radio de la policía dio a conocer al cuerpo la actividad de la avioneta, pero ningún avión del ejército salió en su persecución. Según las autoridades, la avioneta "salió de algún lugar del extranjero".

Las proclamas dicen también que Fidel Castro y los comunistas "organizan milicias en ciudades, barrios poblados y cuartón." Esta última unidad territorial es completamente desconocida de los cubanos, a no ser un pequeño lote de terreno dedicado a cuidar ganado.

Otra característica de la impresión del volante es que la letra "N" con tilde (como la segunda consonante de mañana no lleva la tilde, lo que hace presumir que se le imprimió en el país donde no se habla el español. La "N" con tilde sólo existe en el alfabeto español.

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MEMO

June 30, 1959

TO: SAC, MIAMI

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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RE: ANTI-CASTRO MOVEMENT

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The following is a translation by "rs. [REDACTED]"  
of an article which appeared in DIARIO LAS AMERICAS, June 2, 1959:

MYSTERIOUS PLANE FLIES OVER CUBA AND DROPS LEAFLETS

NOT IDENTIFIED BECAUSE OF RAIN

HAVANA, June 1 (UPI)—A small plane flew with impunity over the city this afternoon, in the midst of rain, throwing hundreds of proclamations against the revolutionary government of FIDEL CASTRO. Because of the rain which fell for several hours, it was impossible to determine the color of the plane or to identify it.

On the leaflets, printed in black on yellow paper, it says that 10,000 Cubans were killed since the triumph of the revolution, 40,000 are in prison and 20,000 others are hiding in the cities in order to escape the persecution of the revolutionaries.

The leaflets are signed by a "Latin American anti-Communist movement, and say that "Castro's government is undermined by Communists" and that "the July 26 is also infiltrated by Reds".

The police radio swiftly reported the activity of the plane, but no army plane went in pursuit. According to the authorities, the plane "came from some place outside the country".

The proclamations also say that FIDEL CASTRO and the Communists "are organizing militia in the cities and towns and in the "cuartón". This last territorial unit is completely unknown to Cubans, unless it is a small piece of land devoted to grazing for cattle.

Another characteristic of the printing of the leaflet is that the letter ñ with a tilde appears merely as a plain n, which causes it to be presumed that they were printed in a country where Spanish is not spoken. The ñ with a tilde exists only in the Spanish alphabet.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI & SAC'S NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-1598)

[REDACTED] IS DASH CUBA. REBUTEL JULY ONE LAST.  
MIAMI INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] TODAY THROUGH COOPERATION INS  
DISTRICT DIRECTOR, EDWARD AHRENS, MIAMI, TO WHOM [REDACTED] AND HIS  
WIFE HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL MIAMI  
ABOUT FOUR FORTYFIVE P.M., JULY ONE, ABOARD CHARTER BOAT  
QUOTE TANGAROA END QUOTE. [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED BY HALF BROTHER,  
[REDACTED] BOTH OF CUBAN AIR  
FORCE, AND [REDACTED] WHO HAD SECRETLY DEPARTED CUBA,  
JUNE TWENTYNINE LAST, FROM A DOCK IN WEST HAVANA. [REDACTED]  
DEPARTURE WAS PRECIPITATED AS RESULT NEWS RELEASE BY [REDACTED]  
ON JUNE TWENTYNINE TO RADIO, TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPER OUTLETS  
IN CUBA, FOLLOWING [REDACTED] RECOVERY FROM AN ILLNESS, AND ANNOUNCING  
THAT HE IS OPPOSED TO ANY TYPE OF DICTATORSHIP, WHETHER IT  
BE TRUJILLO, BATISTA OR COMMUNIST, AND STATING THAT THE MOST  
INHUMAN OF ALL IS THE COMMUNIST TYPE. ABOUT THREE HOURS

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AFTER THIS RELEASE, FIDEL CASTRO CALLED [ ] BEFORE HIM AND REPRIMANDED [ ] SEVERELY FOR MAKING SUCH A RELEASE. [ ] ACCUSED CASTRO OF BEING A COMMUNIST AND A DICTATOR WHEREUPON CASTRO ORDERED [ ] TO RETURN TO HIS HOME AND NOT TO PERFORM ANY FURTHER DUTIES [ ]

THAT JUAN ALMEIDA WOULD ACT AS CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE. IN ANTICIPATION OF ARREST AND THROUGH PREARRANGED PLANS, [ ] AND ABOVE NAMED COMPANIONS DEPARTED WITHOUT LUGGAGE OR MONEY ON SAME DAY ABOARD BOAT WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM MIAMI TO HAVANA BY [ ] FOR ESCAPE PURPOSES. [ ]

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EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER THE PLACING OF COMMUNISTS INTO KEY POSITIONS IN THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT AND ARMED FORCES BY FIDEL CASTRO AND HIS BROTHER, RAUL. [ ] REMARKED THAT COMMUNIST INDOCTRINATION CLASSES HAD BEEN HELD FOR MEMBERS OF THE CUBAN ARMY, HOWEVER, WHEN SUCH CLASSES WERE BEGUN IN THE AIR FORCE, [ ] PROTESTED AND WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM. [ ] SAID THAT MANY CUBAN SOLDIERS WERE REFUSING TO ATTEND THESE CLASSES. APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AGO [ ] CAPTAIN IN THE CUBAN ARMY, AND CLOSE FRIEND OF [ ]

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TOLD [ ] THAT HE HAD ARRESTED TWO RUSSIANS ON SUSPICION IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA, WHO WERE WEARING CUBAN MILITARY UNIFORMS, POSSESSING NO IDENTIFICATION AND UNABLE TO SPEAK SPANISH.

[ ] DETERMINED THESE INDIVIDUALS IN CUBA FOR COMMUNIST INDOCTRINATION PURPOSES, PRESUMABLY UNDER DIRECTION OF RAUL CASTRO, AS BOTH WERE TRANSFERRED TO LA CABANA FORTRESS, WHERE THEY ARE NOW BELIEVED BY [ ] TO BE ENGAGED IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES.

[ ] LEARNED TWO WEEKS AGO FROM [ ] ANTICOMMUNIST ASSOCIATE [ ] AND FORMERLY PROMINENT JULY TWENTYSIX LEADER, THAT FIVE RUSSIANS FROM EAST GERMANY ARE EXPECTED ARRIVE IN CUBA UNDER AUSPICES CUBAN GOVERNMENT, APPARENTLY TO SERVE AS INSTRUCTORS. [ ] POSSESSED NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY RUSSIAN PILOTS BEING IN CUBA. [ ] STATED THAT BOTH FIDEL AND RAUL CASTRO ARE VERY ANTI U.S. AND LOOK UPON THIS COUNTRY AS QUOTE YANKEE IMPERIALISTS END QUOTE WHILE AT SAME TIME FOLLOWING COMMUNIST PARTY LINE AND FAVORING COMMUNISTS IN GOVERNMENT. [ ] SAID THERE IS WIDESPREAD COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY AND SENTIMENT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, ARMED FORCES AND POPULATION DIRECTED TOWARD FORMING A BLOCK OF OPINION TO

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WANT FIDEL CASTRO RATHER THAN TO FOMENT ACTUAL VIOLENCE, HOWEVER, [ ] FELT THAT IF CASTRO USES VIOLENCE TO SUPPRESS THIS ACTIVITY, THE (COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES WILL IN TURN USE VIOLENCE. [ ] REMARKED THAT THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN ANTI-CASTRO FORCES IN CUBA AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES, SINCE THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES WITHIN CUBA DO NOT WISH TO ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH THE FOLLOWERS OF FORMER DICTATORS. [ ] STATED THE OVERTHROW OF FIDEL CASTRO WILL EMANATE FROM WITHIN CUBA ITSELF. ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF MONTH AGO FIDEL CASTRO ASKED [ ] TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPEDITION AGAINST DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. [ ] DEFERRED DECISION AND WAS NOT AGAIN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN VIEW SUBSEQUENT FRICTION BETWEEN [ ] AND CASTRO. [ ] STATED RECENT INVASION OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BY CUBANS WAS UNDER COMMAND [ ] COMMUNIST, AND [ ] WHO DEPARTED CUBA IN A C FORTYSIX PLANE WITH FIFTYEIGHT MEN ON BOARD LANDING AT COSTANZA, D.R. PLANE RETURNED TO CUBA WITH PILOT AND COPILOT AND WITH EIGHT HOLES IN PLANE. SERIAL NUMBERS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM PLANE PRIOR DEPARTURE. TWO BOATS QUOTE CORINTHEA

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END QUOTE AND QUOTE YMLAYA END QUOTE WITH GROUP EXPEDITIONERS  
ALSO PARTICIPATED IN EXPEDITION. THESE BOATS WERE ACCOMPANIED  
BY A CUBAN NAVY FRIGATE TO WITHIN SHORT DISTANCE DOMINICAN  
REPUBLIC. [REDACTED] AND WIFE ARE BEING PAROLED IN AS b7C  
APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO U.S., ACCORDING INS. [REDACTED] OFFERED  
COMPLETE COOPERATION U.S. GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESSED HOPE U.S.  
COULD IN SOME WAY ASSIST IN OVERTHROW CASTRO GOVERNMENT IN  
INTERESTS DEMOCRACY.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Miami

DATE: July 2, 1959

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-584)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Information currently being received at Bureau from numerous sources, including other agencies, strongly indicates anti-Castro counterrevolution may be imminent. It appears only question of timing as to when an actual attack against the current Cuban Government will take place.

In view of the above, you should be certain Bureau is kept currently advised of all significant developments and that all Cuban cases are in a current status so that Bureau cannot be criticized for handling these investigations lackadaisically and for not furnishing pertinent information to the interested agencies promptly.

Maintain contact with your sources and be certain to impress upon them the necessity for prompt reporting of any information received.

- 2 - New York
- 2 - Jacksonville
- 2 - Havana
- 2 - San Juan

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
July 1, 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: Foreign Political Matters-Cuba

[redacted], Hotel Eretton Hall, New York City, who has numerous contacts in Cuba, advised on the evening of June 30, 1959, that she had been in telephonic contact with [redacted] a registered Dominican agent. [redacted] stated that the invasion of the Dominican Republic from Cuba, which was led by Captain Enrique Jimenez Moya, had been completely annihilated. [redacted] told [redacted] that he saw the body of Enrique Jimenez which is being displayed in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. [redacted] advised that the only fear in the Dominican Republic is that Fidel Castro will send more men into the Dominican Republic. b7C

[redacted] on July 1, 1959, advised that she received a telephone call at 2:00 a.m., July 1, 1959, from [redacted] who is now at the Nacional Hotel, Havana, Cuba. [redacted] told [redacted] that he had learned from Comandante Crespo of the Cuban Tourist Police that Major Pedro Diaz Lanz, former head of the Cuban Air Force who resigned on June 30, 1959, had been shot in Havana on the night of June 30, 1959. [redacted] further stated that Comandante Crespo said that on June 30, 1959, thirty officers and comandantes, identities unknown, of the Rebel army had been arrested in Cuba. b7C

[redacted] told [redacted] that the anti-Castro movement is gaining momentum in Cuba and that the time for an attempt to overthrow Castro is rapidly approaching, and is momentarily expected. b7C

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (109-112)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-CUBA  
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Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information which was received from [redacted] on 6/29/59 and 7/1/59, concerning current developments in Cuba.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] told her that he would return to NY on 7/4/59, from the Dominican Republic.

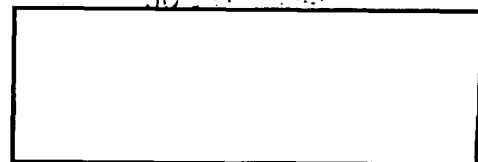
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NY 109-112

Re letter of Director to Office of Security,  
Department of State, dated 6/29/59, captioned "FOREIGN  
POLITICAL MATTERS-CUBA; IS-CUBA".

For the information of the Bureau, it is pointed out that [redacted] will be in NY on 7/1/59, to meet with [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] advised that immediately following her meeting with [redacted] and [redacted] she will contact the NYO and furnish results of the meeting, and also any plans which [redacted] has in overthrowing the CASTRO Government. The Bureau will be advised of all developments. b7C

The NYO will interview [redacted] at the earliest possible time, but will wait until the meeting with [redacted] is concluded so as not to interfere with any information [redacted] might be able to develop as a result of this meeting. b7C

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 1, 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Re: Foreign Political Matters - Cuba

[redacted]  
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[redacted] Institute in Washington, D. C.

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[redacted] told [redacted] that the situation in Cuba  
is becoming desperate, and that he had received  
information verifying the fact that thirty officers  
and comandantes had been arrested by Fidel Castro  
and his government on June 30, 1959.

[redacted] stated that he had also heard that  
Major Luis Diaz Lanz, former head of the Cuban Air-  
force, had also been arrested on the night of  
June 30, 1959, but had not heard definitely whether  
or not he had been killed.

[redacted] according to [redacted]  
expressed great concern over the safety of Dr.  
Antonio "Tony" Varona, who is a popular political  
figure in Cuba and whom the anti-Castro forces are  
backing politically.

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[redacted] also stated that he had heard  
that Dr. Ruro Frenquet, Minister of Finance, was  
unavailable and reportedly in a hospital and under  
arrest.

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[ ] also stated that they expected momentarily to be advised that Dr. "Tony" Varona and Comandante Camilo Cienfuegos have been placed under arrest.

[ ] advised [ ] that in conversation with Dr. Raul Roa, Minister of State, who is now in Washington, D. C., he learned that Roa believes that Fidel Castro has so entangled himself with the Communists in Cuba, that he cannot separate himself from them. [ ] expressed his opinion to Tuaffe that the entire situation in Cuba is disintegrating and that there will soon be complete chaos.

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[ ] further added that the recriminations against the anti-Castro people are almost unbelievable.

[ ] finally stated that he had just heard on July 1, 1959, that Aldo Vera, head of the secret police in Cuba, had been arrested with many of his men.

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For the information of the Bureau and Miami;

[redacted] expects to leave NYC via National Airlines, 10:25 a.m., 7/2/59, for Havana, Cuba. [redacted] advised her plans tentative pending outcome of meeting this date 7/1/59, with [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] claims to have \$1,000,000,000 worth of equipment consisting of guns and arms. He is worried because he has some equipment in a house in Miami and is afraid that the authorities may confiscate it.

[redacted] has 2 plans:

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1. Will send an expedition by boat with part of his \$1,000,000,000 worth of equipment, or:
2. Send the equipment by plane.

He also plans at this time to get a Latin American base and anticipates sending a man to South America to see about a base. There is no indication what country he may use, although he has bought maps of the

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Caribbean area, Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. He also has an Esso Road Map of Cuba and has said that he has another base away from Miami which is ~~approximately~~ equal distance from Miami to Havana. This distance could be Yucatan, Mexico.

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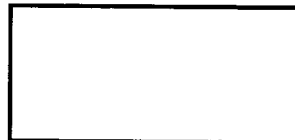
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MEMO

TO: SAC, MIAMI

June 30, 1959

FROM: SA

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RE: ANTI-CASTRO MOVEMENT

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The following is a translation by   
of an article which appeared in DIARIO LAS AMERICAS, June 10, 1959

CUBAN CONSUL MAKES STATEMENTS ON "PAULA" INCIDENT

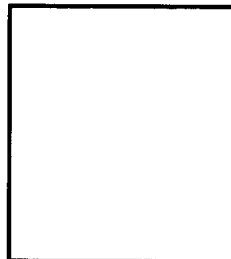
With the shooting at the "Paula" restaurant, we have witnessed one of the typical cases of gangsterism.

These misnamed "political refugees" work like the Italian mafia, and only God knows where their actions will stop.

First, they have tried to buy many of the business of Cubans who have been established here for many years, honorable and hard-working Cubans, and when they refused to sell, they began to intimidate them. A proof of this is the shooting at a public place, where there are innocent persons and where there are children. This must not be permitted, since it has no connection with the politics of any country. This is a moral question only. They should not be permitted to try to do here what they have already done in Cuba.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

June 30, 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: [redacted] aka.,  
Re: Anti-Fidel Castro Activities

[redacted] a registered Dominican Agent, on June 22, 1959, furnished a synopsis of a memorandum, dated June 21, 1959, which he submitted to General Rafael L. Trujillo, Junior. This memorandum dealt with [redacted] conversations with [redacted]

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The impressions of [redacted] regarding [redacted] are as follows:

[redacted] who is also known by the nickname of [redacted] has refused to denounce the invasion plans of the Communist Fidel Castro Ruz, after he had promised to do so when [redacted] spoke to [redacted] in Havana, Cuba, during December, 1958. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] defended Fidel Castro and called him the Liberator of America. [redacted] said that no one would dislodge Fidel Castro from Cuba because there is no way of doing it in that Fidel Castro would stop all opposition by shooting and killing, if necessary.

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[redacted] in this memorandum, said that [redacted] confirmed the fact that Fidel Castro had shot 1,500 innocent persons during the first 45 days in power from January to February, 1959. [redacted] stated that he considered that the invasions are blossoming and Fidel Castro will be backed by the United States and that Fidel Castro told him, [redacted] personally, that he had strengthened his position with the United States during his recent visit to Washington, D.C.

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[ ] wrote, in this memorandum, that [ ] did not want to see his "father and friend," ex-Cuban [ ] b7C  
[ ] said [ ] considered b7D  
it not convenient for him to do so and [ ] wrote that  
he did not think it very thoughtful of [ ] since  
[ ] had fed him for the past ten years. [ ] also  
wrote that [ ] wanted to know the plans of [ ]  
and how many [ ] had at his disposition. [ ]  
wrote that [ ] asked him if the United States Immigra-  
tion and Naturalization Service would deport [ ]  
from the United States and also where [ ] would go b7C  
in the event he had to leave the United States. He also,  
according to [ ] was interested in [ ] b7D  
former [ ] and whether or not the United  
States would make [ ] leave the United States.

[ ] also wrote that [ ]  
was traveling with official Cuban papers but did not b7C  
indicate the type of passport which he had nor how he had  
obtained it in coming from Havana to Miami, Florida. [ ] b7D  
indicated that [ ] intended to make his residence in  
New York, and that he would go to Canada and from there  
would take the necessary steps in order to obtain a  
resident visa.

[ ] wrote that [ ] had par-  
ticipated in the invasion of [ ] and had been  
in exile since 1947. [ ] is the cousin of [ ]  
[ ] who belonged to the Caribbean Legion. [ ] b7C  
wrote that [ ] is a Communist and a hypo- b7D  
crit. He said that [ ] relies on the present Cuban  
Government and is certainly acting as a spy for Fidel  
Castro. He indicated that it was his, [ ] opinion  
that it was only by making a pact with Fidel Castro and  
the Cuban Government that he, [ ] was allowed to  
leave Cuba.

[redacted] also furnished a copy of a letter alleged to have been written by Captain Francisco Rodriguez Tamayo of the Cuban Rebel Army, who recently asked for political asylum in Miami. This letter was addressed to I. King Davidson, Washington, D.C., and was written from Miami wherein he sets forth his reasons for seeking asylum in the United States. The letter reads as follows:

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From the city of Miami,

First, let me explain that since 1952 I have fought against the Batista government, being one of the founders of the 26th of July movement, working first with Frank Pais, in the clandestine fight in Ciudad de Santiago de Cuba (city of Santiago, Cuba) because of which I suffered imprisonment for 92 days in the Boniato jail. On the 26th of February, I joined forces with the forces of Fidel Castro in the Sierra Maestra, at a time when he had only 24 men on his side. I was wounded twice, once gravely, at which time I was operated on by Comandante Julio Martinez Paez, presently the Minister of Public Health in Cuba. I participated in more than 50 combat operations against the regular army, and as a reprisal (for these actions) they burned my cane fields. Also, I lost one brother and brother-in-law by enemy bullets, and they left 13 orphan nephews in my care. I reached the rank of Captain in the Ejercito Barbudo (literally, bearded army) and was proposed for the position of Comandante and was detached to the General Staff of the Ejercito Barbudo. The foregoing is a synthesis of my Revolutionary history, which will (or does) support my statement.

The above, like the huge majority who fight together against Fidel Castro, with the objective of overthrowing tyranny and creating a mothercountry genuinely democratic, free and peacefull, long for a

land of brotherhood where love and justice reign, along with faith and religion. Believing in God, Country and Family, we see with great sadness the betraying of the ideals of thousands of our fallen comrades, by Fidel Castro, together with his brother, Raul Castro, Che Guevara, Juan Almeida, Efigenio Almejeiras, William Galvez, Sergio Pineiro, Hermidio Escalena, Carlos Garcia and other communists, who are tyrannizing and bleeding the country, conducting the absolute in moral and material discredit, trying to make our country a satellite of Moscow. They are undermining liberty and the free-press as well as free-speech, destroying private property, instituting the instruction of Marxist theory in the Army and among the Labor Movement, with technical Russian aid and not content with Communizing Cuba, they aspire to convert it into a base of activity and a center of agitation in Latin America, as in the recent invasion of Panama, organized by our Comandantes Raul Castro and Che Guevara, as well as the invasion of Nicaragua, to which they deployed 82 Cubans against the Dominicans. The before-mentioned Comandantes, as well as General Miguel Angel Ramirez, a Dominican, exiled in Costa Rica but presently in Havana, are readying 300 men and ships with arms and equipment in the South of the Province of Pinar del Rio, in order to reinforce the invasion of Nicaragua, Guatemala, Santo Domingo and finally Spain, under the orders of Commander Guevara and General Bayo, this murderous plan, perpetrated by International Communism. Finally, in accordance with democracy, law and order and religion I find myself forced to exile myself in the United States. But, I do not intend to remain idle in my exile, for considering my revolutionary ideology fully in accord with the principles of "Cruzada Revolucionaria Anti-Comunista" (C.R.A.C.) I join the fight to return to my country, the peace, security, well-being and genuine democracy lost since the 10 March, 1952, and which has never been recovered.

Signed:

Francisco Rodriguez Tamayo  
Captain of the Rebel Army.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ( ) (109-584)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-New) (105-35253)

SUBJECT: DR. ALBERTO HENRIQUEZ Y VASQUEZ, aka  
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ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

Re NY airtel dated 6/12/59, entitled, "CUBAN  
REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES".

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Enclosed herewith for the information of the  
Bureau are 14 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting  
forth information received from [redacted]

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[redacted] concerning Dr. ALBERTO  
HENRIQUEZ Y VASQUEZ, and a copy of a letter written by  
Captain FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ TAMAYO to I. IRVING DAVIDSON,  
Washington, DC, [redacted]

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The original information furnished by [redacted]  
[redacted] to the NYO has been made part of [redacted] file  
in the NYO, which is NY file number 97-1395.

A separate communication will be submitted to  
the Bureau entitled, "DR. ALBERTO HENRIQUEZ Y VASQUEZ",  
setting forth the recommendation of the NYO regarding  
an early interview of DR. HENRIQUEZ.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
July 2, 1959

Re: Foreign Political Matters - Cuba

[redacted] Hotel Bretton Hall,  
New York City, who has numerous contacts in Cuba, advised  
on July 2, 1959, that she had spoken with [redacted]  
of Farr and Company, New York City.

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[redacted] told [redacted] that the situation in  
Cuba is becoming worse, and that Alberto Fernandez, Head  
of the Sugar Institute of Cuba, has indicated that he may  
be leaving Cuba under a pretext of handling a molasses  
deal with Farr and Company during the week of July  
5, 1959.

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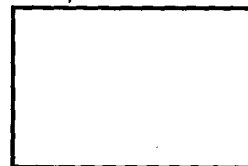
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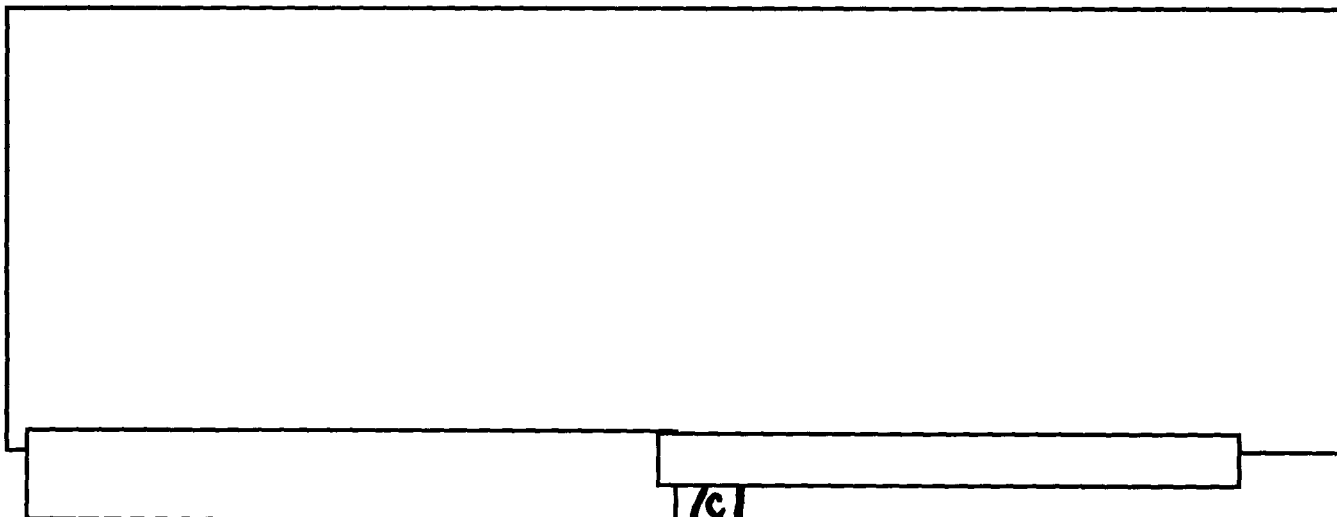
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New York, New York  
June 30, 1959

Re: Foreign Political Matters-Cuba

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DATE: 6/30/59

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Via AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-35253)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

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Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning anti-FIDEL CASTRO activities in the Miami, Fla., area. There is also enclosed a reliability memorandum setting forth the reliability of the informants used.

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Miami, through their sources and investigations of individuals connected with anti-CASTRO activities, should attempt to develop more in detail facts concerning the anti-CASTRO forces in the Miami area, and particular emphasis should be placed on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Miami should also intensify its efforts to determine full details concerning activities of former Cuban [REDACTED]

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SAC, Miami

July 6, 1959

Director, FBI

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Legat, Havana, on 6/24/59 furnished the following information:

On June 16, [REDACTED]

Miami will immediately determine whether counterrevolutionary meetings are being held at the above-mentioned address as indicated and whether the meetings are being attended by the subject as reported. Efforts should also be made to determine the identities of the group involved; whether the plane has been purchased; and whether 68 men have been recruited as alleged. The information has been furnished Customs.

Your attention is directed to New York airtel 6/30/59 captioned "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities, IS - Cuba," with enclosure which contains information concerning the subject.

1 - Havana

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# Guerrillas Girding To Fight Fidel

United Press International

HAVANA, July 2 — Armed guerrilla bands are forming in the mountains of western Cuba, it was reported today, and the army is trying to smash them before they gain enough strength for an all-out assault on the Castro government.

The new threat came at a time when the so-called "revolutionary unity" of the government was seriously threatened by a wave of arrests and resignations in the Air Force and National Bureau of Investigation.

Police were conducting a vigorous hunt for Maj. Pedro L. Diaz Lanz, who resigned as chief of the Air Force in a bitter protest against what he called Communist infiltration of the government.

Lt. Enrique Montes de Oca, head of the investigations department of the army in Pinar Del Rio province, confirmed the existence of the armed bands yesterday.

## MOUNTAIN FIGHTERS

He said they were operating in

the Organos range, about 11 miles from the city of Pinar Del Rio.

Premier Fidel Castro's revolutionary army was reported to have thrown 1,500 to 1,700 men into the campaign to smash the groups. They were said to be operating from the Guanito and Sumidero camps, situated in the mountain range.

Castro's own revolution, which overthrew dictator Fulgencio Batista Jan. 1, was spawned and launched from the opposite end of the island, the Sierra Maestra mountains of Oriente province.

Reliable sources said many men who served in the army under Batista had fled to the Organos mountains in the past few days to join the anti-Castro groups.

## RALLYING PLACE

Just as Castro found his support among the peasants of Oriente province, Pinar Del Rio appeared to be a natural rallying place for resistance to Castro.

Pinar Del Rio tobacco farmers have threatened openly to fight to the death to prevent the Castro government from carving up their farms under the new land reform program. They include some who supported the Castro revolution.

In the past two days, eight men and a woman have been arrested in Pinar Del Rio Province on charges of plotting against the government.

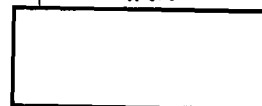
Three were said to be arranging shipment of food to the mountain guerrillas.

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# Cuba Claims Trujillo's Buying Arms for Planned Aggression

By KENNETT LOVE

The New York Times Service

LONDON — The Cuban ambassador claimed here Thursday to have uncovered a vast Dominican network of agents in Europe, North Africa and the Mideast who are buying arms and recruiting mercenary soldiers on a "fantastic scale"

The ambassador, Sergio Rojas Santamarina, said the activities of the Dominican Republic's agents indicate that the regime of Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina planned either aggression or counter-revolutionary moves in the Caribbean or South American mainland

Rojas, appointed ambassador to Britain by the revolutionary government of Premier Fidel Castro, supported his accusations in detail, naming alleged Dominican agents and the companies they dealt with, and stating the quantities of arms being bought.

The Dominican embassy retorted that it was "amazed at the statement" made on behalf of Cuba, "whose declared policy it is to interfere in the affairs of their neighbors."

A Dominican spokesman said his embassy was unaware of any arms-buying network. He added:

"But we would consider that it would be a most logical step for a government which has been publicly threatened by a neighboring country to endeavor to obtain arms for its own protection."

Rojas said an agent resident in London named Siegfried Wallner, in conjunction with a Col. Estevez of the Dominican army, were negotiating with "a very big Swiss-German concern called Cerlikon" for the purchase of 2,400,000 shells for 20 millimeter mortars, 15,000 mortar shells of 40 millimeter caliber and 120,000 shells for 81 millimeter mortars.

Several thousand parachutes have been ordered in London, Rojas said, asserting that parachutes were not defensive equipment. He said the Dominican ambassador, Dr. Luis Thomen, opened a letter of credit here for R. A. Short Aviation Ltd., of Whyteleafe, Surrey, for 18 Vampire jet planes.

Among the companies al-

ed by Rojas to be dealing with Dominican agents are: the Yucatan Trading Co. of Amsterdam, the Grim Co. of Tunisia, Agental of Antwerp and a Swiss company owned by Americans, which he named as a Lockwood, Briten and Co.

As agents he named one Jan Bocianski in London, a Col. Julian of New York, whose cable address he gave as "Black Eagle"; another American named Mr. Azorow, one Leopoldo Gambadello of Rome and one Enrique Garcia Jr. of the Dominican Republic.

These agents, Rojas said, sought to buy tanks, armored cars, cannon and ammunition in France. He said they had sought surplus planes in Swit-

erland, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, as well as in Britain.

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# Anti-Fidel Guerrillas Roam Cuba

## Ex-Air Force Chief Still Sought

By Herald Wire Services

HAVANA, Cuba — Armed guerrilla bands are forming in the mountains of western Cuba, it was reported Thursday, and the army is trying to smash them before they gain enough strength for an all-out assault on the Castro government.

Cuban air force planes flew over Havana through the night in a dusk-to-dawn sweep officially described as a precautionary measure. Air force spokesmen did not elaborate.

The new threat came at a time when the so-called "revolutionary unity" of the government was seriously threatened by a wave of arrests and resignations in the air force and National Bureau of Investigation.

Police were conducting a vigorous hunt for Major Pedro L. Diaz Lanz, who resigned as chief of the air force in a bitter protest against Communist infiltration of the government.

Raul Castro, brother of Prime Minister Fidel Castro and chief of Cuba's armed forces, told graduates of the Army's Veterinary School that Diaz Lanz was the tool of people "who are interested in

changing the course of our revolution. They were the intellectual authors of this affair."

Castro said Diaz Lanz and other former members of the revolutionary forces were "rats without the capacity to understand the positions of honor they held."

Lt. Enrique Montes de Oca, head of investigation department of the army in Pinar Del Rio province, confirmed the existence of the armed bands.

He said they were operating in the Organos range, about 11 miles from Pinar Del Rio city.

Fidel Castro's revolutionary army was reported to have thrown 1,500 to 1,700 men into the campaign to smash the groups. They were said to be operating from the Guanito and Sumidero camps, situated in the mountain range.

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# Attackers Manage to Get Away

HAVANA, Cuba — (UPI) — An armed band, presumably loyal to ex-President Fulgencio Batista, attacked the army guards at the ousted dictator's country estate early Saturday in the second straight day of gunfighting in tense Havana.

Officials reported no known casualties in the sharp fire-fight between the attackers and the troops guarding the exiled Batista's former home, Finca Kuquinc.

Troops and police reinforcements scoured the suburban Arroyo Arenas area but found no trace of the assailants, who opened fire from a thick clump of underbrush.

It was the third attack in a month on the palatial home which Fidel Castro's government has turned into a tourist attraction.

Two outbursts of shooting occurred Friday morning in Havana proper, again with no known casualties.

The shootings pointed up the government's drive to smash all plots against Premier Castro and his seven-month-old regime.

Police were reported searching for others implicated in a plot reported Thursday in which eight persons were arrested.

The government continued to warn of danger in the Caribbean as a result of the spreading quarrel with Strongman Rafael Leonidas Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.

Caribbean State Minister Raul Roa, in an interview with the newspaper El Mundo, denied that Cuba plans aggression against Trujillo's island republic.

"If anyone is planning aggression it is precisely the Trujillo government," he said.

Other Cuban government officials echoed Castro's rejection of President Eisenhower's proposal that the Organization of American States should undertake to prevent any Cuban-Dominican war.

Any OAS intervention would "benefit only Trujillo, enemies of the U.S. and of the inter-American system," Press Attache Nicolas Rivero said.

Rivero, who holds ministerial rank, said there was "not the slightest possibility" of war under present circumstances "unless Trujillo launches it."

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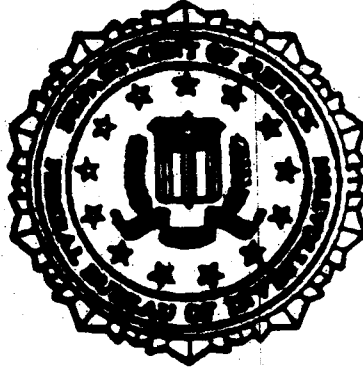
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 25, 1958

FROM : Mr. R. R. Roderick

SUBJECT: COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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On April 24, 1958, [redacted] Office of Security, Department of State, advised Liaison that State has received a request from the Cuban Government to alert police departments in cities where Cuban Embassy and Consular officials are located to furnish police protection to those Cuban officials when and if necessary due to the tense political situation existing in Cuba. [redacted] advised that State is handling this matter throughout the United States and inasmuch as State has no representative in Puerto Rico, he asked if the FBI could, as a cooperative measure, alert the necessary police in Puerto Rico to this matter. [redacted] advised that the only Cuban official in Puerto Rico is Francisco Vilarino Martinez, an honorary consular agent located at Ponce.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the attached airtel will be sent to San Juan instructing them to alert the appropriate police in Puerto Rico to this matter and pointing out that the FBI has no interest in this situation other than to pass on the desired request. Liaison will then advise [redacted] at State that his request has been handled.

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- 1 - [redacted]
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: May 22, 1958

FROM :

Legat, Havana (109-12)

SUBJECT:

CUBAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA

The following memorandum dated May 16, 1958, was prepared by CIA, Havana, [REDACTED]

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"1. The national directorate of the 26 of July Movement, until now located outside of the Sierra Maestras, is to be set up in the Sierras. The movement intends to concentrate its armed action efforts against the Cuban Government in Oriente Province. Supplies and arms are arriving for the rebels from an undetermined source by means of a secret airfield located near the Sierras. The rebels plan to resume the attacks on highway traffic which were temporarily halted in order to allow food trucks into Santiago and other cities. These attacks may resume after 15 May. Action in Habana by the 26 of July Movement is to be held in abeyance for the time being.

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"3. Morale among the rebel forces in the Sierras is good. There have been few, if any, desertions. The official Government releases on the surrenders and skirmishes are usually false or grossly exaggerated. The rebels recently massacred Army units in two engagements, in retaliation for which the Cuban Air Force bombed and strafed heavily but with little accuracy.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana (109-54)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

DATE: May 28, 1958

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ReBulet 5-7-58 to LA, Paris, re "ESPIONAGE AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS" (Bufile 66-6200-65), in accordance with which the following is submitted:

During the past six months, the political fortunes of President FULGENCIO BATISTA y ZALDIVAR have waned and waxed. In December, the insurrection led by FIDEL CASTRO RUZ was particularly active only in the Eastern end of the Island, but Constitutional guarantees continued to be suspended throughout the country and this suspension was renewed on 12-13-57 for another 45 days, and was terminated on 1-27-58.

Terrorism increased during the latter part of January and first of February, with arson, bombings and scattered assassinations a daily routine. Public apprehension began to soar during the middle of February and on 2-23-58 the kidnapping of the famous Argentine race driver just before the tragedy of the Cuban Gran Prix, added to the public frustration which blanketed the domestic political picture.

The audacity of the rebels was again shown by the burning of the day's collection of checks in the Havana clearing house on 2-26-58.

At this point the Church stepped forward and asked for peace and national unity. A cabinet change followed, but did not follow the lines of national unity. Politicians were changed for technicians and a group best described as a "care-taker" cabinet was established.

On 3-12-58, Constitutional guarantees were again suspended while terrorism increased. Elections were postponed from June 1st to November 3rd by action of the Congress on 3-25, followed by the giving of sweeping powers to the President by Congress declaring a National Emergency on 3-28-58.

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It was then that CASTRO threatened an all-out offensive against the regime to begin on 4-5-58, including a general strike on 4-9, which failed. After this crisis, the political fever dropped and conditions in all parts of Cuba, outside of Oriente Province, began to return to normal. Nevertheless, on 4-25-58, the suspension of Constitutional guarantees was extended.

BATISTA on 5-7-58 invited the rebels to surrender. The situation appeared definitely under control. Congress on 5-15-58 ratified the decrees which the President had issued during the emergency.

After one month of quiet in the capital, two bombs were exploded in Havana on 5-17-58, but by the end of that month Havana is quiet, public order is restored throughout the island except for the disturbed conditions in the Oriente region, Constitutional guarantees remain suspended, and the election campaigns have started.

Except for the Communists, the anti-Batista political groups do not appear to be anti-United States and pro-Communist.

An additional letter will be submitted to reach the Bureau by December 1, 1958.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 5, 1958

FROM : Legat, Havana (109-12)

SUBJECT: CUBAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA

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As of possible interest to the Bureau, the following remarks were made by Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA to the U. S. Ambassador on the evening of June 2, 1958, as reported by the Ambassador at his staff meeting:

BATISTA stated that he intended to go through with elections on November 3, 1958, but it was the Ambassador's impression that BATISTA felt that he should approach the elections calmly and that perhaps he had made a mistake previously in acting too hurriedly to combat the opposition activities of the July 26 Movement under FIDEL CASTRO. The Ambassador's interest in the interview was to ascertain the President's plans for establishing a normal situation in the country under which free elections could be carried out. BATISTA stated that a normal situation would exist, the elections would be free elections, and he was planning to invite observers, possibly from the United Nations and/or the World Press, to be present in Cuba at election time.

In discussing the general political campaign picture, BATISTA referred to GRAU SAN MARTIN as a very smart, astute politician, but BATISTA said GRAU SAN MARTIN is in failing health, is receiving blood transfusions, and cannot be expected to live much longer. BATISTA added that his opposition still includes CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS who, BATISTA said, is by no means as smart a man as GRAU SAN MARTIN. BATISTA mentioned MARQUES STERLING as another candidate, stating that STERLING had advocated elections and for that reason two attempts had been made on his life by members of FIDEL CASTRO's movement, because BATISTA said, FIDEL CASTRO does not want elections since he knows that he cannot win control of Cuba through elections.

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BATISTA told the Ambassador he did not understand why so many people wanted to be President of Cuba and that he, himself, had never desired to be President. Informed Embassy sources agree that all BATISTA has wanted was to be the power directing the country but not hold the actual office of President. They state that in 1952 when BATISTA took over the control of Cuba, he offered the Presidency to two individuals who refused the office.

Additional copies of this letter are being furnished for forwarding to the Miami Office for its information.

The Bureau will be kept informed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 12, 1958

FROM : Legat, Havana (109-12)

SUBJECT: CUBAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA

Re Havana letter June 5, 1958.

In view of the developing political campaigns for November elections in this country and in view of the question as to whether or not these elections can be carried out under a normal atmosphere of freedom, it is believed the Bureau will be interested in the attached memoranda from CIA, Havana, concerning statements made by an alleged confidant of BATISTA, and statements made by [REDACTED]

Regarding [REDACTED] remarks concerning the possibility of the Cuban Army victory over the CASTRO forces, the Bureau is referred to Havana letter dated June 12, 1958, regarding CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES, INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA.

Both of the memoranda from CIA are classified "Confidential."

Additional copies of this letter are being furnished to the Bureau for forwarding to the Miami Office for information.

The Bureau will be kept informed.

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known, is that BATISTA seems to believe everything he is told and he is being greatly deceived (engañado) by those who surround him. [redacted] emphasized this point by saying that he has on occasions had to listen to BATISTA relate as facts many things which were obviously false but which BATISTA obviously believed to be true. He claimed that he then had to correct the [redacted] point by point on only 1

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4. With regard to the situation in Oriente Province and the Sierra Maestra [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he said that he has a personal friend who has (C) been up in the Sierras many times; that this man several months ago tried to act as mediator between Fidel CASTRO and the Government at his, [REDACTED] request but that the (C) effort failed when BATISTA refused to listen to the overtures. He said that this same man recently saw CASTRO in the Sierras and again broached the subject but CASTRO refused to agree to any efforts to negotiate, saying that this would be looked upon as an indication of weakness at this time. According to (C) [REDACTED] CASTRO said that he would negotiate after he engages the Cuban Army and that his forces are ready and anxious to do battle. b1 b3 (CIA)

5. (C) [REDACTED] said his source admitted that the morale of CASTRO and the men around him appeared low. He said there is no doubt that they have a landing strip for a light plane in the Sierra and that they have received arms by air. He feels that the Army, even in an all-out campaign, cannot win a decisive victory with CASTRO's forces and that even in the event of a military victory CASTRO would probably escape, presumably by air, and endeavor to continue his revolutionary effort. b1 b3 (CIA)

6. In summary (C) [REDACTED] seemed very pessimistic about the possibilities of a peaceful solution to the existing conditions in Cuba and completely negative as to the possibilities of general elections this November. b1 b3 (CIA)

1. Comment: Although (C) [REDACTED] did not mention the name of his friend, [REDACTED] b1 b3 (CIA)

[REDACTED] conferred with Fidel CASTRO in the Sierra Maestra (C) [REDACTED] in an effort to seek grounds for mediation between CASTRO and the Government. The mediation effort failed when BATISTA refused to listen to CASTRO's proposals. (C)

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Views of [REDACTED] (C)

The following views and comments were expressed [REDACTED] on 8 June 1958, by [REDACTED] (C) Nacionalista Revolucionario (PNR, Revolutionary Nationalist Party):

1. For the moment the PNR will abstain from any activity connected with the elections scheduled for November 1958 because the minimum civil rights necessary for such activity are non-existent.
2. The PNR, being a new political party and made up in its majority of young people, does not have the party machinery possessed by the Government coalition parties and Ramon GRAU San Martin's party. In order to win votes, therefore, it has to depend to a great extent on the emotional factor--that is, on winning members by appealing to their emotions through speeches over the radio and TV or at political rallies. Under the present circumstances of censorship, suspension of civil rights, and National Emergency Law, an opposition party would be precluded from campaigning along those lines.
3. At the present time the PNR is divided into two factions, the larger one consisting of persons who are in favor of participating in the elections despite the adverse political climate. The other faction, smaller but with more persons of high political prestige in its ranks than the other group, is firmly opposed to participation in the elections under the present circumstances.
4. A pact with GRAU San Martin's Partido Revolucionario Cubano (Autentico) (PRC (A), Authentic Cuban Revolutionary Party) would be feasible, if it were not for the presence in the leadership of that party of persons who are or are suspected of being in the pay of the BATISTA Government, such as Senators Manuel BENITEZ and Eduardo SUAREZ Rivas, and the fact that most of

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of the PRC (A) candidates are running not to defeat the Government candidates but to occupy the "minority" seats available. The PNR, in view of those two factors, would be accused of sacrificing its political ideals and "playing the Government's game" if it were to join forces with the PRC (A) at this time.

5. Another reason for the PNR's abstention is purely a mathematical one. It is estimated that the Government coalition parties have in their possession approximately 35 per cent of the voters' carnets (cedulas); another 30 to 35 per cent of the voting population, mostly youths, sympathize with Fidel CASTRO or other revolutionary leaders and will abstain; and the remaining 30 or 35 per cent would be split among GUAU's party, the Partido del Pueblo Libre of Carlos MARQUEZ Sterling, and the PNR, if the latter were to participate. In other words, the Government coalition parties could win easily, whether the elections were held tomorrow or in November, unless the opposition parties were given the opportunity to recruit new members freely, particularly among youth.

6. The restoration of civil guarantees, or at least those which would permit all citizens the necessary freedom of expression and assembly in any democratic electoral process, would be a major step in assuring the participation of the PNR in the scheduled elections.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/25/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (109-21)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] WAS. [REDACTED] b7C

(INFORMATION CONCERNING)  
 FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA,  
 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUATEMALA  
 POLITICAL MATTERS

Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED] at Los Angeles dated 5/16/58 in the case entitled [REDACTED] was.; ITSP," Bufile [REDACTED] OO - Detroit, Detroit file [REDACTED] Los Angeles file [REDACTED] setting forth results of a search of subject's belongings at the Burbank Van and Storage Company, Burbank, California, under a search warrant on 5/6/58. Among his belongings were the documents quoted in the enclosed letterhead memorandum which has been prepared for possible dissemination. b7C

Information copies are being furnished the Detroit Office, which is origin in the above-mentioned criminal investigation, and to Miami in view of mention of [REDACTED] correspondence with CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS in Miami. b7C

No further action is being taken in this matter.

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

June 25, 1958

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On May 6, 1958, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted a search, under a search warrant authorized by Assistant United States Attorney T. Conrad Judd and filed with United States Commissioner Theodore Hocke, Los Angeles, California, of household goods belonging to [REDACTED] in the possession of the Burbank Van and Storage Company, Burbank, California. This search was conducted in connection with investigation of [REDACTED] for alleged interstate transportation of stolen property.

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During the search, a manila envelope was discovered. On the envelope appeared a list of its contents:

"The Truth About Soldiering for Fortune;"

'The Fantastic Army of Barney Carson;'

'Letters Written to 3 Men' and Address;

'Registrar Slips to Each' 40108, 40109, 40110;

Letter to Senor Carlos Prio Socarras, Hotel Vendome (Cuba)."

AGENCY 14444 C-44 - In the envelope were the following letter drafts:

REQ. REC'D 7-21-58  
DATE FORW. 7-21-58  
HOW FORW. WHL/cla  
BY WHL/cla

"March 3, 1957  
Phoenix, Arizona

[REDACTED]  
Caribbean Legion  
Guatemala City, Guatemala

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"Dear Sir:

"I have heard of your hatred for Raphael Leonidas Trujillo, of the Dominican Republic, so I thought I would write and offer a proposition that you might like.

AGENCY State CIA, Legal Branch  
REQ. REC'D  
DATE FORW. 7-10-58  
HOW FORW. SL  
BY WHL/jan

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"I will exterminate Trujillo and his Army for you for two-hundred-thousand dollars (\$200,000) American Money, and guaranteed or money back.

"An Army of one-thousand (1000) men at thirty cents (30¢) a day if maintained one (1) year would cost over one-hundred-thousand dollars (\$100,000) or better, my proposed plan you would on need one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) as many men.

"I will also guarantee completion of proposed job in ninety (90) days.

"If interested you can contact or send a representative to this address:

[REDACTED]

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"Please write in English as I don't understand Spanish.

"Remember I can put you in the Governor's Seat in ninety (90) days.

"Sincerely Yours

"/s/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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"Generalissimo Raphael Leonidas Trujillo  
Dominican Republic.

"Dear Sir:

"I have heard of your hatred for [REDACTED] of the Caribbean Legion, so I thought I would write and offer a proposition that you might like.

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"I will exterminate [REDACTED] and his Army an deliver [REDACTED] body to you in ninety (90) days for Two-Hundred-Thousand (200,000) American Dollars and guarantee it.

"If interested you can contact or send a representative to this address:

[REDACTED]

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"Please write in English as I don't understand Spanish.

"Sincerely Yours,

"Name & Address."

"March 22, 1957  
Phoenix, Arizona

"Senor Carlos Prio Socarras  
Hotel Vendome  
4301 Collins Avenue  
Miami, Florida

"Dear Sir:

"This letter is in regards to the phone call to you that I made today. I have written an old friend of yours, [REDACTED] of which I have not received an answer and knowing of your concern for the Cuban people, I have tried unsuccessfully to contact you, until I read this week's publication of 'Life,' of which I phoned and said I would write!

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"So I will come to the point, I am a soldier of fortune of whom you probably have never heard. [REDACTED] I can successfully rid Cuba of Fulgencio Batista and his Army within six (6) months for Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars and one (1) of your most loyal men whom knows Havana like the palm of his hand.

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"If this interest you, then I can be contacted at this address or you may send a representative to:

[REDACTED]

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"If this sounds ambiguous then remember  
some of the world's greatest soldiers of fortune.  
It's a big order but I can do it.

"Sincerely Yours

"/s/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Inside the envelope were also postal registry  
receipts number 40108, 40109, and 40110, postmarked  
March 4, 1957, Registry Division, Phoenix, Arizona,  
issued in connection with letters from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to [REDACTED] Santa  
Rosa Prov., Rep. of Honduras"; "Generalissimo Raphael Leonidas  
Trujillo, Dominican Republic;" and [REDACTED]  
Caribbean Legion, Guatemala City, Guat." In the envelope  
was also registry receipt number 6878, postmarked March 23,  
1957, Commerce Station, Phoenix, Arizona, issued in connection  
with a letter from [REDACTED]  
to "Sr. Carlos Prio Socarras, Hotel Vendome, 4301 Collins  
Ave., Miami, Fla."

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The foregoing information is being loaned to your  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8-5-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-494)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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BIRMINGHAM DIVISION  
JULY, 1958  
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The following information has been received by the Birmingham Office relative to the distribution of stickers and pamphlets in connection with the recent situation in Cuba:

On July 17, 1958, [REDACTED]

aka [REDACTED]  
advised [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] a physician at the University Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama, for the past two years, has rented an apartment from her. She advised that on July 14, 1958, he departed and vacated the apartment suddenly and without notice. On examining the apartment, [REDACTED] noted there was written on the doors and mirror of the room statements: "Cuba is America's Hungary" and "U. S. hypocrisy is murdering Cuban patriots." She also advised that [REDACTED] reportedly had meetings with other young men at which lookouts were posted and he reportedly is the nephew of someone high in the Cuban Government. She advised he paid rent by checks drawn on the Exchange-Security Bank, Birmingham.

On July 26, 1958, [REDACTED] salesman, Radio Department, Sears-Roebuck Company, Birmingham, advised Night Clerk [REDACTED] that a group of about six or seven young Cubans, only one of whom was known to him, by the name of [REDACTED], came to Birmingham from Cuba about a year ago and have attended high school, and college in Birmingham. He stated they reside at [REDACTED] near [REDACTED] residence at [REDACTED]. He advised he became acquainted with them in the neighborhood and through selling them a short-wave radio set. [REDACTED] stated he thought everything was going well between him and the Cubans until during

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the previous week when they gave him some material which he considered to be propaganda against the United States. He stated one was a pamphlet entitled "Cuba is America's Hungary," which, he stated, criticized JOHN FOSTER DULLES and President EISENHOWER and the United States in general. It stated that the Cuban dictator BATISTA was associated with Communists, according to [REDACTED] and accused the United States of murdering Cubans. b7C

[REDACTED] was contacted by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on July 28, 1958, at which time he stated he was unable to furnish the pamphlet to which he had previously referred. He advised in addition that [REDACTED] had indicated to him that his father was a wealthy importer in Cuba, importing chocolates. He advised that another one of the group referred to by him was named [REDACTED] whom he described as being 16 or 17 years of age. b7C

B. APPROX. 1941 or 1943

On July 29, 1958, [REDACTED] Spivey-Johnson Company, 2015 Third Avenue North, Birmingham, advised he had found a sticker on his store entitled, "Cuba is America's Hungary -- U. S. International Hypocrisy is Murdering Cuban Patriots." Also, by letter received July 31, 1958, [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] reported she had found a similar sticker on the windshield of her car. She enclosed this sticker, which is being retained in the files of this office.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and Miami Office and no further action is being taken by the Birmingham Office.

[REDACTED] furnished the following description of [REDACTED] b7C

Name:	[REDACTED]		
Race:	White		
Sex:	Male		
Age:	26 or 25, born in Cuba		
Height:	5' 6"		
Weight:	Light	Build:	Small
Hair:	Black	Complexion:	Dark
Eyes:	Dark		

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Date 8-4-58

To

☒ Director

FILE #

Att. ~~FOREIGN~~ LIAISON

☐ SAC Title

☐ ASAC

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign Reassign

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Expedite

☐ File

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☐ Open Case

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

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☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Return serials

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

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☐ Submit new charge-out

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Embassy Weeks for July 30, 1958 attached.

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To

Date August 15, 1958

☒ Director, FBI  
Attention FOREIGN LIAISON

☐ SAC \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ASAC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Agent \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Steno \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Chief Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SE \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION DESIRED

<input type="checkbox"/> Assign to _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Open case
<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare tickler
<input type="checkbox"/> Bring file	<input type="checkbox"/> Reassign to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Call me	
<input type="checkbox"/> See me	<input type="checkbox"/> Recharge serials
<input type="checkbox"/> Correct	<input type="checkbox"/> Search and return
<input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent	<input type="checkbox"/> Send serials _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Expedite	to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> File	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit new charge-out
<input type="checkbox"/> Leads need attention	<input type="checkbox"/> Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Read, initial and return	<input type="checkbox"/> Return serials
<input type="checkbox"/> Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit report by _____

EMBASSY WEEKA FOR AUGUST 1958  
No. 33

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 19, 1958

FROM : Legat, Rio de Janeiro

SUBJECT: CUBAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER

Set forth hereinafter are the contents of a communication (confidential) received here, which may be of interest to the Bureau and the Legat, Havana.

"PARTICIPANTS: [REDACTED] (c) b1

"DATE: August 7, 1958

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Re: CUBAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER

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Date 9/12/58

To

☒ Director  
Att. **FOREIGN LIAISON**

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☐ Agent .....

☐ SE .....

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**ACTION DESIRED**

- ☐ Acknowledge
- ☐ Assign ..... Reassign .....
- ☐ Bring file
- ☐ Call me
- ☐ Correct
- ☐ Deadline .....
- ☐ Deadline passed
- ☐ Delinquent
- ☐ Expedite
- ☐ File
- ☐ Initial & return
- ☐ Leads need attention
- ☐ Open Case
- ☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

- ☐ Prepare lead cards
- ☐ Prepare tickler
- ☐ Recharge serials
- ☐ Return assignment card
- ☐ Return file
- ☐ Return serials
- ☐ Search and return
- ☐ See me
- ☐ Send Serials .....
- to .....
- ☐ Submit new charge-out
- ☐ Submit report by .....
- ☐ Type

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Date 9/18/58

To

☒ Director

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**ACTION DESIRED**

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana (109-127120)

SUBJECT: CUBAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA

DATE: September 30, 1958

As of possible interest to the Bureau.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] General TABERNILLA, Head of the Armed Forces, also denied that the rebels had infiltrated into Las Villas and Camaguey Provinces. However, it is known, from numerous reliable sources, that rebel columns have advanced into these provinces.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The Ambassador pointed out that the above information was classified "SECRET."

It is requested that the above information not be revealed outside the Bureau.

A detailed picture of present political activities in Cuba will be submitted to the Bureau by October 15, 1958.



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letter dated April 21, 2003.  
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VIA LIAISON

Date: October 9, 1958

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: POLITICAL SITUATION IN CUBA

Reference is made to discussions between Mr. James  
Angleton and Mrs. Jane Roman of your Agency with Mr. Sam J.  
Papich of this Bureau regarding your plan.

As you know, this Bureau has been disseminating  
considerable information regarding Cuban political activities  
through data developed from sources in this country. Miami,  
of course, is the center of much activity reported by us.

We also wish(s)  
to point out that other agencies such as the Immigration and  
Naturalization Service and the Bureau of Customs have men in  
Miami who are following certain aspects of Cuban political  
activity.

desired that the following conditions be fulfilled in order to  
make certain there is no confusion or unnecessary conflict:

- (1) Furnish the identity of your representative.  
His name, address [REDACTED] will be given to (S)  
the head of our Miami Office.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (detached)

1 - [REDACTED] separate cover letter

1 - Miami (by separate cover letter)

1 - San Juan (by separate cover letter)

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Cover memo Roach to Belmont  
10/8/58 RE: CIA OPERATIONS

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Central Intelligence Agency

- (2) Restrict activities <sup>(S)</sup> [redacted] to the development of information pertaining to the political situation in Cuba [redacted]

- (3) [redacted] <sup>(S)</sup> a check will be made <sup>(S)</sup> with Bureau headquarters via liaison. b1 b3

- (4) [redacted] <sup>(S)</sup> check will be made at the Bureau via liaison. (CIA)

- (5) Your representative is welcome to call on our Miami Office [redacted]

- (6) It is requested that you furnish the Bureau any information developed which might have a bearing on our internal security responsibilities. <sup>(S)</sup>

This Bureau will appreciate being advised [redacted] <sup>(S)</sup>

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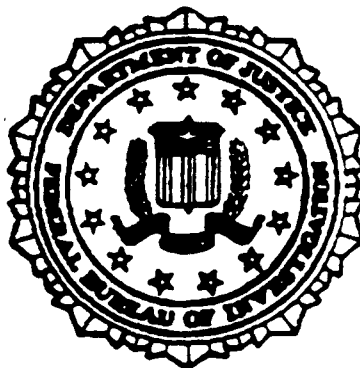
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- Mr. Belmont

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Legat, Havana

10-23-58

Director, FBI

~~INTELLIGENCE SURVEY - CUBA~~

POLITICAL MATTER  
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Reurlet 10-15-58, with enclosure. A review of the enclosure to relet reflects that it is a well-balanced presentation of present conditions in Cuba which is helpful to the Bureau.

It was noted in relet that such a summary would be prepared and submitted to the Bureau as of the 15th of each month. In the future, you should submit a synopsis with the memorandum, giving a brief and concise picture of the information contained therein. That synopsis should be limited to one page.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route thru for review)

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NOTE: Cover memo [REDACTED] to Belmont, re same subject, prepared 10-21-58, VHN:egs, set forth a summary of the info contained in the memo and in the recommendation, it was pointed out that the Legat, Havana, was being instructed to include a synopsis with the memorandum in the future.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont 1 - Rosen  
1 - Belmont  
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FROM : [REDACTED] 1 - [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/21/58

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE SURVEY - CUBA

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By letter dated 10/15/58, Legat, Havana, furnished an informative memorandum dealing with present conditions in Cuba. He noted the information was already known to Embassy officials, and in many instances his personal opinions were set forth based on data received by his office.

Concerning revolutionary activities, Legat, Havana, traced steady growth of the revolutionary forces from some 20 men who survived the landing of Fidel Castro in Cuba in December, 1956, to an armed force of some 5,000 men which almost completely denominates Oriente Province and disrupts the orderly process of government in other provinces.

President Batista has been firm in stating presidential and congressional elections will be held as scheduled 11/3/58. The average person is unhesitating in stating the elections will be fraudulent and Batista-backed candidates will win. Except for a six-week period, constitutional guarantees have been continually suspended since 8/1/57 and there is no indication suspension will be lifted for elections. The Government has announced that if opposition parties desire, observers from the United Nations or Organization of American States witness the forthcoming elections, it would agree to such measures. There is no indication, however, that this will materialize.

In the last week of September and first week of October, there was a recurrence of terrorist bombings in Havana. The police have been ruthless in countermeasures which may account for their cessation. Some report cessation due to fear by rebels that bombings endanger lives of innocent people and cause public sympathy to turn against rebel cause.

Batista Government officials are vehement in statements that rebel forces are communist infiltrated. Although Cuban Communist Party backs rebel attempts to overthrow Cuban Government, there is no definite proof that communists have succeeded in gaining foothold in leadership of rebel movement.

The attitude of the average individual in Cuba is one of tense waiting for a period of violent upheaval which all are sure will undoubtedly come to pass. There is constant private talk that things will only be rectified in Cuba with the violent overthrow of Batista forces and

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Memo [redacted] to Belmont  
Re: Intelligence Survey - Cuba

a blood bath of those in Government who have committed atrocities against the people. Persons who have sound knowledge of Cuban politics seem to believe that only a military junta of Cuban officers who have not engaged in atrocities would solve Cuba's present problems.

Several top hoodlums maintain their residences in Havana and have interests in or employed by various gambling casinos in Havana. Many other top hoodlums make frequent visits to Havana to contact American gambling associates and to protect interests they have there. Although the tourist season is presently at its lowest ebb, it is estimated there are about 200 Americans employed in gambling operations in Havana. This number will increase to about 350 if the political situation and weather allows for favorable winter tourist season.

Police protection for top hoodlums and gamblers is practically assured. [redacted] who is reported to receive 50% of the take from all slot machines, provides police protection for the casinos. In addition, a three-way package payoff is made by all gambling operations to the Head of the Department of Investigations; the Chief of the National Police, and the [redacted]. In addition, numerous minor police officials have their own privately arranged payoffs. Sources have indicated that President Batista has an interest in a gambling casino and that the Cuban Ambassador to the U.S. also has an interest in a gambling casino. b7c

Commercialized prostitution has always been rampant in Havana, and only rarely is an effort made by Cuban police authorities to make any arrests. The presence in Havana from time to time of well-known jewel thieves tends to confirm allegations that Havana is becoming a dumping ground for stolen jewelry. Other U.S. Government agencies have indicated a growing concern over the amount of narcotics activity in Cuba. They allege that Havana has become the narcotics distribution center of the Western Hemisphere.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information. Inasmuch as Legat, Havana, has indicated that a similar memorandum will be submitted on the 15th of each month, he is being instructed to include a synopsis with this memorandum in the future.

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Suggest memo  
to [redacted]

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ON 3-17-99

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**The Attorney General**

The attitude of the average individual in Cuba is one of tense waiting for a period of violent upheaval which all are sure will undoubtedly come to pass. There is constant private talk that things will only be settled in Cuba with the violent overthrow of the Batista forces and a blood bath of those in the Government who have committed atrocities against the people. Rumors are being spread that the Batista forces are planning to leave the country in a hurry and that the people are waiting for them in the streets to take revenge.

Several notorious headlines have been appearing in Havana and have increased the fear and tension among the Cuban people. Many other headlines have been appearing in Havana to increase the fear and tension among the Cuban people. The headlines are as follows: "The Batista forces are planning to leave the country in a hurry and that the people are waiting for them in the streets to take revenge." "The Batista forces are planning to leave the country in a hurry and that the people are waiting for them in the streets to take revenge." "The Batista forces are planning to leave the country in a hurry and that the people are waiting for them in the streets to take revenge."

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Date 10/23/58

To

☒ Director

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☐ Supv. .... *10/21/58*

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**Airtel****To: SAC, Miami****From: Director, FBI**

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**ReBulet 10/9/58.****Enclosed for each of the offices receiving this communication is a copy of [REDACTED] (S)****Any pertinent information received by your office concerning this matter should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.****Enclosure**

- 1 - Havana (Enclosure)
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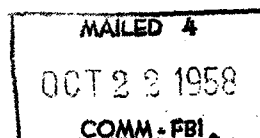
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*Political matters - Cuba*

CUBAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. NATIONAL ELECTIONS HELD TODAY.  
 ALL BUSINESSES CLOSED AND CITY VERY QUIET. OBSERVATION  
 REFLECTS VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY AT POLLING BOOTHS WHICH ARE  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 7, 1958

FROM : Legat, Havana (109-122) ~~SECRET~~  
 SUBJECT: ~~Political matters - Cuba~~  
 CUBAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES  
 FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
 OTHERWISE

Enclosed are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum reporting information which was furnished [redacted] the Cuban Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities (BRAC), on November 7, 1958. [redacted] identity was concealed by a T symbol but the source has not been evaluated in a separate memorandum as he was identified in the body of the letterhead memorandum as a confidential source abroad.

Careful consideration has been given to the T symbol used in this memorandum and it was utilized only because the source must be concealed.

The Bureau's attention is called to [redacted] advising that [redacted] The Bureau replied to this letter in letters dated March 6, and March 13, 1958 (Bufile [redacted]) advising that Bureau files contained no pertinent information on [redacted]

[redacted] at the time of contact on November 7, 1958, advised he would appreciate any information we could furnish concerning the background of [redacted] who is referred to in the enclosed memorandum.

DECLASSIFIED BY 5666 SLD/KSR  
 ON 2-3-98 (JFK)

Two extra copies of this letter and the enclosed memorandum are submitted to the Bureau for forwarding to the New York office. It is requested, subject to Bureau approval, that the New York office furnish any available information on [redacted] in form suitable for dissemination to [redacted] as a matter of cooperation with him. It is suggested that the Bureau make inquiry to determine if [redacted] has made appropriate registration as a foreign agent.

Information contained in the enclosed memorandum has been disseminated to the following offices in the U. S. Embassy: The Ambassador, Counselor of Embassy, CIA, Army, Naval and Air Attaches, and the U. S. Treasury representation.

The enclosed memorandum has been classified confidential in order to protect identity of source.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana

SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE SURVEY - CUBA

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Submitted herewith are an original and six copies of a memorandum captioned as above. It is believed that such memorandum might be of interest to Bureau officials in order to acquaint them with conditions in Cuba at the present time. UACB this office will prepare similar memorandum which will be submitted to the Bureau on the 15th of each month.

All information contained in this memorandum is already known to appropriate Embassy officials. It is to be noted that in many instances the personal opinions of the writer have been set forth, based on information received from sources of this office.

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INTELLIGENCE SURVEY - CUBA

A. POLITICAL MATTERS

1. REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES IN CUBA

FIDEL CASTRO RUZ made his memorable landing in the Province of Oriente, Cuba, on December 2, 1956. CASTRO and his small group immediately took to the hills where his band of approximately 20 men was free from pursuit by Cuban armed forces because of the mountainous terrain. Since that time the forces of CASTRO and other revolutionary groups have grown to such strength that they almost completely dominate Oriente Province and have, through harrassment tactics, been able to disrupt the orderly processes of the Government in the Provinces of Camaguey, Las Villas, and Pinar del Rio, which provinces comprise more than half the territory of Cuba.

These revolutionary groups do not actually constitute cohesive forces but rather are roaming bands of guerrilla fighters. The Cuban Army has never taken any full-scale action against the rebels. This has been due to the fact that the rebels have always kept their forces in a highly fluid state. There is also a moot question as to whether the loyalty to the Government of the average Cuban soldier is such that he would actively engage in serious combat with his fellow Cuban.

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During the past two months there has been a definite increase in rebel activity. The rebels have become much bolder in their movements, and it is now estimated that their number comprises 5,000 armed men. In the Provinces of Oriente and Camaguey communications have been almost completely disrupted. Because of the disruptive tactics of rebel raids, insurance rates on internal shipments within Cuba have risen as much as 800 per cent in the past year.

The strength of the rebel forces and their domination of affairs in certain Cuban provinces are evidenced by the fact that within the past few weeks the rebels have issued an edict imposing a tax on all sugar, coffee, and cattle in the Provinces of Oriente and Camaguey. Even though President BATISTA has stated that any concern paying such taxes to the rebels would be immediately subject to double taxation by the Cuban Government, numerous sources have advised that most of the companies engaged in business in these provinces will definitely pay the taxes imposed by the rebels.

## 2. FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS

Presidential elections are scheduled to be held in Cuba on November 3, 1958, at which time Representatives and Senators also will be elected. President BATISTA has been firm in his statements that these elections will be held as scheduled.

The Government party has as its Presidential candidate ANDRES RIVERO AGUERO who is considered by many to be merely a figure-head for BATISTA. CARLOS MARQUEZ <sup>100</sup>STERLING has been chosen by

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the Partido del Pueblo Libre as its Presidential candidate. Dr. ~~RAMON GRAU SAN MARTIN~~, ex-President of Cuba, has been selected to head the slate of the Autentico Party.

Not only has BATISTA claimed that the elections will be held as scheduled, but he has made the further statement that 60 per cent of the registered voters will cast their ballots in these elections. In connection with this statement, it is to be noted that voting is legally compulsory in Cuba. The average person, however, is unhesitating in expressing his opinion that these elections will be fraudulent and that the Batista-backed candidates will triumph.

From various sources it has been learned that one of the Presidential candidates, namely MARQUEZ STERLING, has been receiving funds from the Government in order to carry on his election campaign. The reason for such subsidy by the Government to MARQUEZ STERLING may be to insure the fact that there will be an opposition candidate to the Government-backed Presidential nominee, namely RIVERO AGUERO. In this connection, GRAU SAN MARTIN, the other opposition candidate, is seriously ill and from past actions has indicated he might withdraw from elections at the last moment.

Except for a six-week period constitutional guarantees have been continuously suspended in Cuba since August 1, 1957. There is no indication that the Government will lift its

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suspension of constitutional guarantees for the elections on November 3. Among these guarantees are freedom of expression, right of assembly, and freedom of movement, all of which are necessary for uninhibited political campaigning. Although in the City of Havana there are thousands of political posters announcing the identity of those seeking election for the Presidency and for other political posts, there is very little active political campaigning by the various candidates because of the suspension of constitutional guarantees.

The Government has announced that if the opposition parties desired that impartial observers either from the United Nations or from the Organization of American States witness the forthcoming Presidential elections, it would agree to such measures. GRAU SAN MARTIN has stated that he would like UN observers but has indicated that he would want approximately 15,000 persons to supervise or police the elections. To date no active steps have been taken to invite any outside observers and it is doubtful whether any will appear on the local scene at election time.

The July 26 Movement, headed by FIDEL CASTRO, has announced that it would consider anyone participating in the November 3 elections as traitors to Cuba. It has been reported that three individuals who had announced their candidacy for Representative have been assassinated by rebel groups.

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Inasmuch as the Government is not in control of all sections of Cuban soil, voting precincts have been established only in those places under complete control of Government forces. This will definitely cut down on the number of those voting in the outlying provinces. In the City of Havana at the present time the voting precincts, where individuals are able to secure their voting credentials, are protected by heavily armed troops and police.

### 3. TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES

During the last week in September and the first week in October there was a recurrence of bombings in the City of Havana. These bombings usually occurred between 9:00 P.M. and 12 Midnight in the old section of the city. The police have been ruthless in the counter-measures which they have taken. Usually at the scene of such bombings on the following day would be found the bodies of various individuals who had been riddled by machine gun bullets. They were left there by the police, evidently as a warning to those who had any ideas of continuing terroristic activities. It was reliably reported that on the occasion of a bombing of an aqueduct in Havana city, the Chief of Police gave immediate orders to kill the four policemen who were charged with protecting this property. In the two-week period from September 23 - October 7 it is estimated that the police killed approximately 50 individuals in Havana because of these bombing attempts.



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During the past week there have been no known bombings in Havana proper. This may be due to the fact that counter-measures taken by the police have proven to be effective. Some report, however, that cessation of bombings was brought about due to the fear on the part of the rebels that such bombings endanger the lives of innocent people and cause public sympathy to turn against the rebel cause.

4. COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

BATISTA Government officials in their discussions concerning the situation in Cuba are vehement in their statements that the rebel forces are communist-infiltrated. Although the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party) publicly and privately backs rebel attempts to overthrow the existing Government of Cuba, there has been no definite proof that the Communists have succeeded in gaining a foothold in the leadership of the rebel movement.

The rebel leader who is most often pointed out to be a Communist or Communist sympathizer is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did attend a Communist-sponsored Congress in Europe some years ago and was the one who [REDACTED]

Also connected with FIDEL CASTRO is ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA, an Argentinian who is definitely anti-American and reportedly pro-Communist.

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The Communists have joined in statements of the July 26 Movement that the forthcoming elections should be boycotted inasmuch as they would be fraudulent.

Although the Batista Government has a well-organized agency for the investigation of communism, namely the Buro para Represion de Actividades Comunistas (BRAC), this organization has not gained the support of all anti-communist elements inasmuch as it is too closely tied in with the Government and is considered by some anti-Communists who are not pro-Batista as merely another arm of Batista's repressive forces.

#### 5. ATMOSPHERE IN THE COUNTRY

The attitude of the average individual in Cuba is one of tense waiting for a period of violent upheaval which all are sure will ultimately come to pass. There is constant private talk that things will only be rectified in Cuba with the violent overthrow of the Batista forces and a "blood bath" of those in the Government who have committed atrocities against the people. That atrocities have been committed, there is no denying. Not all Government agents have participated in atrocities against the people. There is, however, a definite feeling of hatred on the part of most of the people toward the Chief of the National Police and some of his subordinate members, as well as toward

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some members of the Cuban Army Military Intelligence Service (SIM). This office has received information from some minor police officials that they themselves fear for their lives, even though they have in no way taken part in any atrocities against the Cuban people.

It has been learned that some of the higher officials of the Government at the present time show indications of being "nervous" concerning the situation. They have sent their families out of Cuba to the United States, reportedly on "shopping tours."

In visiting police and military offices in Havana one receives a definite impression that fear pervades the atmosphere. At the entrance a visitor is greeted by a policeman with a tommy-gun in a ready position. Police cars throughout the city are manned by three officers, one of whom is seated in the rear with a rear-view mirror in front of him and a tommy-gun on his lap. Most official cars are equipped with a rear-view mirror in front of the rear seat so that individuals seated therein might observe any surveillance of them.

Government police officials rarely make any public appearances and, even when invited to private functions, are careful that their whereabouts will not be publicly known. At the present time normal police functions are being severely curtailed. Most of the police are being used to guard police property, to protect the person and residences of high police officials, and to conduct political investigations.

6. ATTITUDE OF PEOPLE

All Cubans seem to be in agreement that the election of RIVERO AGUERO will not solve the problems at present confronting Cuba. They feel that he is a weak individual who, without the backing of the Army, would fall from leadership in a short period. BATISTA has stated he has no intention of leaving Cuba after the elections. The average person also believes that the rise to power of FIDEL CASTRO would not be an answer to Cuba's problems. Some feel that he is an idealist without any political sense. Persons who have a sound knowledge of Cuba's political scene seem to believe that only a military junta of Cuban officers who have not engaged in atrocities against the people would solve Cuba's present problems.

The feeling of the average Cuban toward Americans is one of friendliness; however, United States policies with respect to the internal conflict in Cuba come under attack from both Government and rebel forces, the Government claiming that the United States in suspending arms shipments to Cuba is, in fact, aiding the rebels. The rebels in turn decry the fact that the United States continues to have military missions in Cuba.

Economically the country is financially sound. The average Cuban enjoys perhaps one of the highest standards of living in Latin America. Business conditions, however, have deteriorated within the past few months.

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B. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES1. TOP HOODLUMS

The following top hoodlums maintain residences in Havana:

WILLIAM GUSTO BISCHOFF, was., FBI # 1721507;

JOSEPH SILESI, wa.;

CHARLES TOURINE, was., FBI # 695716;

SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, was., FBI # 482531 B (Miami TH);

MEYER LANSKY, was., FBI # 791783 (New York TH);

[REDACTED] was. (Miami TH). b7C

All these individuals have interests and/or are employed in various gambling casinos in Havana. Many other top hoodlums make frequent visits to Havana to contact American gambling associates and to protect interests they have in casinos here. Recently JORGE CORREA LE FRANC, FBI # 165597-A (San Juan TH), died of a heart attack in Havana about three weeks after he allegedly received a beating from Cuban police for failure to make payoffs in connection with an illegal bolita game which he operated.

2. GAMBLING

Although the tourist season is now at its lowest ebb, it is estimated that there are about 200 Americans employed in gambling operations in Havana. This number will increase to about 350 if the political situation and weather allow for a favorable winter tourist season. Americans have interests in or are

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employed by ten gambling casinos in greater Havana, and it appears probable that at least two more casinos in which American money will be invested will open up in time for the winter tourist trade. A recent change in ownership of the gambling casino in the Hotel Nacional has brought [REDACTED] to Havana as [REDACTED] that casino. [REDACTED] previously had an illegal gambling operation in Atlantic City, New Jersey, which was raided this past summer by State Police. This raid was reportedly made on orders of Governor MEYNER in order to enhance MEYNER's political chances for the Presidency.

### 3. TAKE

At present the take of the various casinos is variable. Some casinos are barely breaking even while others, particularly those using prostitutes as "shills", are making big money. Most casino operators are looking to the future since they believe that with each succeeding year the attraction of gambling will make substantial inroads into the Florida tourist business. There is no doubt that the potential is tremendous. As an example, early this year, when the Hotel Havana Riviera was filled to capacity, the take at the Riviera gambling casino was estimated at one-half million dollars a month.

### 4. POLICE TIE-UPS WITH ORGANIZED CRIME

Police tie-ups with gambling are closely related to politics since all high level police positions are little more than pure political appointments without regard for prior police service or experience.

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Police protection for top hoodlums and gamblers is practically assured. [REDACTED]

of President BATISTA, who is reported to receive 50 per cent of the take from all slot machines in operation, provides police protection for the casinos. b7C

In addition, a three-way package payoff is made by all gambling operations, large and small, Cuban and American, to [REDACTED]

and to [REDACTED] In addition, numerous minor police officials have their own privately arranged payoffs. b7C

Sources have indicated that President BATISTA has an interest in the Havana Riviera gambling casino and that [REDACTED] has an interest in the gambling casino in the Havana Hilton Hotel. Therefore, it is important to Cuban police and political officials that gambling be successful in Cuba. b7C

##### 5. OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Commercialized prostitution has always been rampant in Havana, and only rarely is an effort made by Cuban police authorities to make any arrests. Even these arrests are usually prompted by failure on the part of the parties involved to make their

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payoffs. Allegations have been received that procurers may attempt to ship Cuban prostitutes to the United States as artists and entertainers to work in the Latin American population centers such as Chicago, New York, Miami, and New Orleans.

The presence from time to time in Havana of well-known jewel thieves tends to confirm allegations that Havana is becoming a dumping ground for stolen jewelry. However, since about 95 per cent of all jewelry enters Cuba illegally to avoid payment of high import duties, identification of stolen jewelry and fences has proven to be extremely difficult.

Other U. S. Government agencies have indicated a growing concern over the amount of narcotics activity in Cuba. They allege that Havana has become the narcotics distribution center of the Western Hemisphere, and this tends to be borne out by the presence in Cuba of individuals who are known representatives of European producers and American buyers, such as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c

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